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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 1


Monday, October 21, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

Organization Meeting





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Monday, October 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, The Honourable Maria Minna, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Marcel Proulx for Nick Discepola, Joe Jordan for Albina Guarnieri, Reg Alcock for Sophia Leung, Stan Dromisky for Joe McGuire, John Maloney for Tony Valeri, Ken Epp for Rick Casson, Dale Johnston for Rahim Jaffer, Richard Marceau for Pierre Paquette.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal. Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and (2), the Committee move to elect the Chair and Vice-Chairs

Moved by Gary Pillitteri, - That Sue Barnes be elected Chair of this Committee.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, Sue Barnes was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and took the chair.

On motion of Gary Pillitteri, it was agreed, - That Nick Discepola be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee *in absentia*.

On motion of Charlie Penson, it was agreed, - That Richard Harris be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On a motion of Gary Pillitteri, it was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary and one member from each of the other parties.

On motion of Stan Dromisky, it was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings, to receive and publish evidence when quorum is not present provided that the Chair and at least two (2) Members are present, including a Member of the Opposition and provided that if no Member of the Opposition is present ten (10) minutes after the designated start of the meeting, the meeting may proceed.

On motion of Ken Epp, it was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Charlie Penson, it was agreed, - That witnesses be given up to ten (10) minutes to make

their opening statement.

- That during the questioning witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning, up to ten (10) minutes for the first question of each party. On the following rounds of questioning, up to five (5) minutes for each subsequent questioner, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Richard Denis, it was agreed, - That the Committee will only go into *in camera* meetings following a majority vote of the Committee as a whole.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was defeated by a show of hands.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, - That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of John Maloney, it was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(4), whenever an Order in Council for appointment or a certificate of nomination for appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the curriculum vitae of each appointee/nominee.

On motion of Pauline Picard, it was agreed, - That the clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents in the original language provided that the translation and the distribution of the translation follow as quickly as possible.

Maria Minna moved the following amendment to delete the words after "provided" and replace them by the following - That the Clerk and the Chair would encourage the witnesses to submit their brief in both official languages, if at all possible, and would ask them if submitted in one language to submit it as earliest as possible to proceed to the translation.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed.

On motion of Roy Cullen, it was agreed, - That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses who are invited to appear before the Committee, up to a maximum of two (2) representatives for any one organization.

On motion of Gary Pillitteri, it was agreed, - That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for working meals for the Committee (and its Sub-Committees).

On motion of Reg Alcock, it was agreed, - That, when a minister of the Crown or the Governor of the Bank of Canada is to appear before the Committee, the proceedings be televised.

On motion of Bryon Wilfert, it was agreed, - That 48 hours notice be given to the Members of the Committee before any new item of business is considered by the Committee and, that the notice be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to all Members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk will put the new item of business on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee business.

On motion of Gary Pillitteri, it was agreed to invite the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at 3:30 p.m.

On motion of Bryon Wilfert, it was agreed to invite the Minister of Finance on his Economic and Fiscal Update on Wednesday, October 30th at 1:00 p.m. in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

It was agreed, - That the Committee adopt the list of the proposed witnesses.

On motion of Gary Pillitteri, it was agreed, - That the Committee adopt the travel budget of \$280, 800.00 for the Pre-Budget Discussion and that the Chair submit the said budget to the Board of the Internal Economy.

It was agreed, - That the Committee, on the Pre-Budget Discussion, will travel to Halifax on October 30, to hold public hearings in the morning and to hold a meeting with the Minister of Finance in the afternoon.

On motion of Gary Pillitteri, it was agreed, - That on the Pre-Budget Discussion the Committee will divide in two during the week of November 4th.

That the sub-group I will travel to Vancouver (2 days) Calgary (1 day), Saskatoon (1day) and Winnipeg (1day).

That the sub-group II will travel to Toronto (3 days) and to Montreal (2 days).

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis / Lisa Chartier-Derouin

Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

AFL-CIO:

Robert Blakely, Director of Canadian Affairs, Building and Construction Trades
Department.

Alliance to End Homelessness:

Maura Volante, Coordinator.

Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada:

Claude-Paul Boivin, President, ACEC;

Pierre Shoiry, President, GENIVAR inc.

Association of Fundraising Professionals:

Rob Peacock, President.

Canadian Animal Health Institute:

Jean Szkotnicki, President.

Canadian Consortium for Research:

Paul Ledwell, Chairperson.

Canadian Real Estate Association:

Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer;

David Humphreys, Federal Affairs Adviser;

Gregory Klump, Senior Economist.

Coalition to Renew Canada's Infrastructure:

Jim Facette, President.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:

Mark Goldblatt, Senior Consultant.



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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:25 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Tony Valeri.

Acting Members present: Shawn Murphy for Albina Guarnieri, Odina Desrochers for Pauline Picard, Pat Martin for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada: Mark Goldblatt, Senior Consultant. *From the Coalition to Renew Canada's Infrastructure:* Jim Facette, President. *From the Canadian Real Estate Association:* Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer; Gregory Klump, Senior Economist. *From the Canadian Consortium for Research:* Paul Ledwell, Chairperson; Paul Jones, Member. *From the Alliance to End Homelessness:* Maura Volante, Coordinator. *From the Association of Fundraising Professionals:* Rob Peacock, President. *From the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:* Jeffrey Dale, President & CEO; Chris Henderson, Chair. *From the Building and Construction Trades Department:* Robert Blakely, Director of Canadian Affairs. *From the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada:* Claude-Paul Boivin, President, ACEC; Pierre Shoiry, President, Genivar, Chair, ACEC. *From the Canadian Animal Health Institute:* Jean Szkotnicki, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Mark Goldblatt, Jim Facette, Pierre Beauchamp, Paul Ledwell each made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 11:00 o'clock, the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 o'clock, the sitting resumed.

Maura Volant, Rob Peacock, Robert Blakely, Claude-Paul Boivin and Jean Szkotnicki each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Canadian Alliance for Children's Healthcare:

Jean-Victor Wittenberg, Doctor, President.

Canadian Healthcare Association:

Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Medical Association:

Dana Hanson, Doctor, President;

William Tholl, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer.

Council for Health Research in Canada:

Helen Ghent, Chair;

John Hylton, Doctor, Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Albina Guarnieri, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Pat Martin for Lorne Nystrom, James Lunney for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Healthcare Association: Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, President and Chief Executive Officer; Kathryn Tregunna, Director, Policy Development. *From the Council for Health Research in Canada:* Dr. John Hylton, Executive Director; Helen Ghent, Chair. *From the Canadian Alliance for Children's Healthcare:* Dr. Jean-Victor Wittenberg, President, Staff Psychiatrist, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto - Associate Professor, University of Toronto. *From the Canadian Medical Association:* Dr. Dana Hanson, President; William Tholl, Secretary General and CEO.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Sharon Scholberg-Gray, Dr. John Hylton, Dr. Jean-Victor Wittenberg and Dr. Dana Hanson each made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

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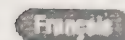
Study of the Bank of Canada's Monetary Policy Report

WITNESSES:

Bank of Canada:

David Dodge, Governor;

Malcolm Knight, Senior Deputy Governor, Chief Operating Officer and Member of the
Board of Directors.



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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 4:25 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Shawn Murphy for Joe McGuire, Pat Martin for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart, and Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Bank of Canada: David A. Dodge, Governor; Malcolm Knight, Senior Deputy Governor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1) the Committee study the consideration of the Bank of Canada's Monetary Policy Report.

David A. Dodge made a statement and with Malcolm Knight answered questions.

At 6:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 24, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance:

David Paterson, Executive Director.

Canadian Association of Research Libraries:

Paul Wiens, University Librarian, Queen's University.

Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:

Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Federation for Promoting Family Values:

Michael Gorman, President.

Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:

Patricia Clements, President.

Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:

Gordon McBean, Chair, Board of Trustees.

Canadian Teachers' Federation:

Harvey Weiner, Deputy Secretary General.

Canadian Urban Transit Association:

Eric Gillespie, Chair, St. Catherines Transit Commission;

Michael Roschlau, President and Chief Executive Officer.

International Association of Fire Fighters:

Jim Lee, Assistant to the General President for Canadian Operations.

National Children's Alliance:

Dianne Bascombe, Interim Executive Director, Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations; Director;

Dawn Walker, Executive Director, Canadian Institute of Child Health.

National Professional Association Coalition on Tuition:

Andrew Jones, Member.

National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:

Jean Bélanger (Chair, Ecological Fiscal Reform;

David McGuinty, President and CEO.

Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:

Jeffrey Dale, President and CEO;

Michael Darch, Executive Director, Ottawa Global Market.



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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 24, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:36 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Rahim Jaffer, The Hon. Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Tony Valeri.

Acting Members present: Shawn Murphy for Joe McGuire, Bob Speller for Gary Pillitteri, Pat Martin for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences: Dr. Patricia Clements, President; Paul Ledwell, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Association of Research Libraries:* Paul Wiens, University Librarian, Queen's University. *From the Canadian Federation for Promoting Family Values:* Michael Gorman, President. *From the National Professional Association Coalition on Tuition:* Andrew Jones, Member. *From the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance:* David Paterson, National Director, Public Affairs. *From the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:* Dr. Gordon McBean, Chair, Board of Trustees; Dr. Tim Aston, Science Officer. *From the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:* Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Council of Professional Engineers. *From the National Children's Alliance:* Dianne Bascombe, Director, National Children's Alliance and Social Policy Issues; Dawn Walker, Executive Director, Canadian Institute of Child Health. *From the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:* David J. McGuinty, President and CEO; Jean Bélanger, Chair, Ecological Fiscal Reform. *From the Canadian Urban Transit Association:* Michael W. Roschlau, President and Chief Executive Officer; Eric Gillespie, Chair, St. Catherines Transit Commission. *From the International Association of Fire Fighters:* Jim Lee, Assistant to the General President, Canadian Office. *From the Canadian Teachers' Federation:* Harvey Weiner, Deputy Secretary General. *From the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:* Jeffrey Dale, President & CEO; Mike Darch, Special Adviser to the President, Ottawa Economic Development - Division of OCRI.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), The Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth Kingston

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, October 24, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Canadian Conference of the Arts:

Philippa Borgal, Associate Director;

Megan Williams, National Director.

Canadian Library Association:

Don Butcher, Executive Director;

Leacy O'Callaghan-O'Brien, Member.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

Fran Cutler, National Chair;

Cathy Moore, National Coordinator of Career Development and Employment Services.

Community Foundations of Canada:

Monica Patten, President and CEO.

Philanthropic Foundations Canada:

Hilary Pearson, President and CEO.

Voluntary Sector Forum:

Laurie Rektor, Financial/Operations Manager for the Voluntary Sector Initiative Secretariat;

Shauna Sylvester, Member.



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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, October 24, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Massino Pacetti for Gary Pillitteri, Shawn Murphy for Joe McGuire.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyste; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Voluntary Sector Forum: Laurie Rektor; Shauna Sylvester, Member. *From the Canadian National Institute for the Blind:* Cathy Moore, National Coordinator of Career Development and Employment Services; Fran Cutler, National Chair. *From the Philanthropic Foundations Canada:* Hilary Pearson, President and CEO. *From the Community Foundations of Canada:* Monica Patten, President and C.E.O.. *From the Canadian Conference of the Arts:* Philippa Borgal, Associate Director; Megan Williams, National Director. *From the Canadian Library Association:* Don Butcher, Executive Director; Leacy O'Callaghan - O'Brien, Communication Director, Canadian National Site Licensing Project.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Laurie Rektor, Cathy Moore, Hilary Pearson, Monica Patten Megan Williams and Dan Butcher made opening statements and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 7

Monday, October 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Action Canada for Population and Development:

Zonibel Woods, Director, Government Relations.

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies:

Murray Elston, President;

John Stewart, First Vice-Chair and Incoming Chairman.

Canadian Chemical Producers Association:

Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer;

David Shearing, Senior Manager, Business and Economics.

Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:

Susan Ziebarth, Executive Director.

Computing Technology Industry Association of Canada (COMPTIA):

Alan Young, Vice-President.

Environmental Technology Innovation Canada:

Al McDowell, Executive Director;

Jack Pasternak, Executive Director.

Information Technology Association of Canada:

Norine Heselton, Vice-President.

Graham Hoey Partner, Ernest & Young LLP.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:

Jose Kusugak, President.



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Meeting No. 7

Monday, October 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Albina Guarnieri, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Shawn Murphy for Joe McGuire, Mauril Bélanger for Tony Valeri, Andy Burton for Charlie Benson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Action Canada for Population and Development: Zonibel Woods, Director, Government Relations; Johanne Fillion, Director, Communications. *From the Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies:* John Stewart, Executive Vice-President and General Manager, Purdue Pharma and Incoming Chair of R&D; Murray J. Elston, President. *From the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:* Susan A. Ziebarth, Executive Director; Judy Lux, Health Policy Communications Specialist. *From the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:* Jose A. Kusugak, President. *From the Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Richard Paton, President and CEO; David J. Shearing, Senior Manager, Business and Economics. *From the Computing Technology Industry Association of Canada (COMPTIA):* Alan N. Young, Vice-President. *From the Environmental Technologies Innovation Canada (ETIC):* Jack Pasternak, Executive Director; Al McDowell, Executive Directeur. *From the Information Technology Association of Canada:* Norine Heselton, Vice-President, Policy; Graham Hoey, Ernst & Young LLP.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

John Stewart, Zonibel Woods, Susan A. Ziebarth and Jose A. Kusugak made a statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Richard Paton, Alan N. Young, Al McDowell, Jack Pasternak and Norin Heselton made a statement and with David J. Shearing answered questions.

At 6:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:

Robert J. Giroux, President.

Canadian Electricity Association:

Hans Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Roy Staveley, Senior Vice-President, Public Affairs & Environment.

Canadian Lightweight Materials Research Initiative:

William Harney, Director of New Product Development, Magna International;

M. J. Wheeler, Chairman, Industry Steering Committee.

Canadian Printing Industries Association:

Pierre Boucher, President;

Jeff Ekstein, Chairman of Government Affairs Committee.

Conference of Defence Associations:

Richard Evraire, Lieutenant-General (Retired), Chairman;

Alain Pellerin, Colonel (Retired), Executive Director.

Getting Landed Project:

Andrew Brouwer, Policy Advocate;

Harry Kits, Executive Director.

Graduate Students Association:

Brad Wuetherick, President.

Ottawa Child Poverty Action Group:

Christina Marchant, Chair, Child Poverty Action Group;

Adje van de Sande, Professor.

T-Base Communications Inc.:

Sharlyn Ayotte, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Jillian Deevy, Manager of Web Projects.

Women Warriors of Sahtu:

Cece McCauley, Chief.

As Individual:

Wayne Burroughs.



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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:30 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Albina Guarnieri, Rahim Jaffer, Joe McGuire, The Hon. Maria Minna, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Claude Bachand for Pierre Paquette.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst, Blayne Haggart, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Lightweight Materials Research Initiative: Dr. M. J. Wheeler, Chairman, Industry Steering Committee; William Harney, Director of New Product Development - Magna International. *From the Conference of Defence Associations:* Col Alain Pellerin, Colonel (Retired), Executive Director; Richard J. Evraire, Chairman. *From Ottawa Child Poverty Action Group:* Christina Marchant, Chair, Child Poverty Action Group, Coordinator, Social Action and Advocacy; Adje Van de Sande, Professor, Carleton University. *From T-Base Communications Inc.:* Sharlyn Ayotte, Chair; Jillian Deevy, Manager, Accessibility Compliance Evaluations Services. *From the Women Warriors of Sahtu:* Chief Cece McCauley. *From the As Individual:* Wayne Burroughs. *From the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:* Robert J. Giroux, President. *From the Graduate Students Association:* Brad Wuetherick, President. *From the Canadian Electricity Association:* Roy G. Staveley, Senior Vice-President, Public Affairs & Environment; Hans R. Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer. *From the Canadian Printing Industries Association:* Pierre Boucher, President; Jeff Ekstein, Chairman of CPIA'S Government Affairs Committee. *From the Getting Landed Project:* Andrew Brouwer, Policy Advocate; Harry Kits, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

William Harney, Colonel (Retired) Richard J. Evraire, Adje Van de Sande, Christina Marchant, Sharlyn Ayotte, Jillian Deevy and Chief Cece McCauley made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Wayne Burroughs, Robert J. Giroux, Brad Wuetherick, Hans R. Konow, Jeff Ekstein, Pierre Boucher, Harry Kits and Andrew Brouwer made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers:

Chris Ferns, President.

Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:

Margie Vigneault, Nova Scotia Representative.

Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations:

Desmond Morley, Executive Director.

Financial Executives International Canada:

Barry Gorman, Professor and Member.

Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce:

Jeff Somerville, Chief of the Board.

Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations:

Robert Cook, President;

Helen Patriquin, Chief Liaison Officer.

Nova Scotia School Boards Association:

Mary Jess MacDonald, President.

Union of Canadian Transportation Employees:

John Fox, Regional Representative for the Atlantic Region.

As Individual:

Paul O'Hara.



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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:35 a.m. this day, in Nova Scotia D Room, Casino Nova Scotia Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Alexa McDonough for The Hon. Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst, Blayne Haggart, Research Officer.

Witnesses: As Individual: Paul O'Hara. *From the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:* Margie Vigneault, Nova Scotia Representative. *From the Financial Executives Institute Canada:* Prof. Barry Gorman, Tax Committee; Michael Murphy, President. *From the Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce:* Jeff Sommerville, Chief of the Board; Peter Brown, Chair of Federal Finance Committee. *From the Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations:* Robert A. Cook, President; Helen Patriquin, Chief Liaison Officer. *From the Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers:* Dr. Chris Ferns, President. *From the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations:* Desmond A. Morley, Executive Director. *From the Nova Scotia School Boards Association:* Mary Jess MacDonald, First Vice-President; Jeanne Doucette, First Vice President. *From the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees:* John Fox.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Paul O'Hara, Margie Vigneault, Prof. Barry Gorman, Robert A. Cook, Helen Patriquin, Jeff Sommerville made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:14 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Dr. Chris Ferns, Desmond A. Morley, Mary Jess MacDonald, John Fox made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions: economic and fiscal update of the Minister of Finance

APPEARING:

Hon. John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance



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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 1:05 p.m. this day, at Pier 21 Society, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Alexa McDonough for The Hon. Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst, Blayne Haggart, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions: Economic and Fiscal Update of the Minister of Finance.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, October 31, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Association of Mutual Insurance Companies:

Normand Lafrenière, President;

Carrol Lambert, First Vice-President.

Canadian Bankers Association:

Peter Currie, Vice-Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, RBC Financial Group; Chair,
Financial Affairs Committee;

Kelly Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Banking Operations.

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.:

Mark Daniels, President;

James Witol, Vice-President, Taxation and Research.

Certified General Accountants Association of Canada:

Everett Colby, Chair, Taxation Policy Committee.

Insurance Brokers Association of Canada:

Ginny Bannerman, Chair of the Board;

Francesca Iacurto, Director, Public Affairs.

Insurance Bureau of Canada:

Stanley Griffin, President and CEO;

Paul Kovacs, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, Policy Development.



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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, October 31, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:30 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst, Blayne Haggart, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Mutual Insurance Companies: Normand Lafrenière, President; Carrol E. Lambert, Chair. *From the Canadian Bankers Association:* Kelly Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Banking Operations; Peter Currie, Vice Chairman & Chief Financial Officer, RBC Financial Group. *From the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.:* Mark R. Daniels, President; James Witol, Vice President, Taxation and Research. *From the Certified General Accountants' Association of Canada:* Everett E. Colby, Chair, Taxation Policy Committee. *From the Insurance Bureau of Canada:* Stanley I. Griffin, President and CEO; Paul Kovacs, Senior Vice-President, Policy Development and Chief Economist. *From the Insurance Brokers Association of Canada:* Francesca Iacurto, Director, Public Affairs; Ginny Bannerman, Chair of the Board.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Carrol E. Lambert, Normand Lafrenière, Peter Currie, Mark R. Daniels, Everett E. Colby, Stanley I. Griffin, Paul Kovacs, Francesca Iacurto and Ginny Bannerman made statements and with other witnesses answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:15 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, October 31, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Canadian Dental Association:

Tom Breneman, Doctor and President;

Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations.

Canadian Executive Council on Addictions:

Dan Reist, Treasurer.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

André Piché, Director, National Affairs;

Garth Whyte, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:

Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist.

"Conseil du patronat du Québec":

Gilles Taillon, President.

Mining Association of Canada:

Dan Paszkowski, Vice-President, Economic Affairs;
Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mood Disorders Society of Canada:

Rémi Quirion, Scientific Director;
Phil Upshall, President.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:

Thomas Brzustowski, President.

Retirement Income Coalition:

C.A. Pielsticker, Chair.



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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, October 31, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:25 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Rahim Jaffer, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Other Member present: Derek Lee.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Independent Business: Garth Whyte, Executive Vice-President; André Piché, Director, National Affairs. *From the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:* Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President & Chief Economist. *From "Conseil du patronat du Québec":* Gilles Taillon, President. *From the Canadian Dental Association:* Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations; Dr. Tom Breneman, President. *From the Canadian Executive Council on Addictions:* Dan Reist, Treasurer. *From the Mining Association of Canada:* Dan Paszkowski, Vice-President, Economic Affairs; Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer. *From the Mood Disorders Society of Canada:* Phil Upshall, President; Dr. Rémi Quirion, Scientific Director, Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addictions. *From the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:* Dr. Thomas A. Brzustowski, President. *From the Retirement Income Coalition:* C.A. (Charlie) Pielsticker, Chair; Malcolm Hamilton, Partner, William Mercer Ltd.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Gilles Taillon, Jayson Myers, Garth Whyte, André Piché each made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:59 p.m., the sitting resumed.

C.A. (Charlie) Pielsticker, Dr. Thomas A. Brzustowski, Phil Upshall, Dr. Rémi Quirion, Gordon Peeling, Dan Reist, Dr. Tom Breneman, each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 6:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 13

Monday, November 4, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Airport Duty-Free Operators:

André Bergeron, Executive Director, Aer Rianta International;

Kathy Kendall, General Counsel, The Nuance Group.

Campaign 2000:

Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator.

Campaign for Stable Funding of Adult ESL Classes:

Prasanna Hettiarachchi, Former Adult ESL Student;

Graham Hollings, Coordinator.

Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors:

William Strain, Chair, Taxation, Conference for Advanced Life Underwriting;

David Thibaudeau, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Centre for Philanthropy:

Gordon Floyd, Vice-President, Public Affairs.

Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (Kairos):

Dennis Howlett, Team Leader, Canadian Justice Cluster;
Pat Steenberg, Executive Director.

Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association:

Don Maunders, Vice-President;
Joyce Reynolds, Senior Director, Government Affairs.

Canadian Transit Company:

Remo Mancini, Executive Vice-President.

CropLife Canada:

Charles Milne (Vice-President, Government Affairs.

Hospital for Sick Children Foundation:

Malcolm Burrows, Director, Development and Gift Planning.

Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada:

Mel Norton, Member, Board of Directors.

Ontario Land Trust Alliance:

Robert Barnett, Executive Director, Escarpment Biosphere Foundation.

Toronto Board of Trade:

Elyse Allan, President and CEO;
Terri Lohnes, Senior Economist/Policy Adviser.

Union of Canadian Transportation Employees:

Geoff Fortier, Representative.

University of Toronto:

Peter Munsche, Professor and Assistant Vice-President, Technology Transfer Research and International Relations;
Carolyn Tuohy, Interim Vice-President, Research and International Relations; Professor and Vice-President, Policy Development and Associate Provost.

As Individuals:

David Cross;
Joseph Polito.



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Meeting No. 13

Monday, November 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:00 p.m. this day, in Toronto, at the Toronto Congress Centre, Room Gordon Pinsent 1-2-3, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rahim Jaffer, The Hon. Maria Minna, Charlie Penson, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Brian Masse for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers. From the Committees Directorate: Marc-Olivier Girard, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: As Individual: Joseph Polito. From the Association of Canadian Airport Duty Free Operators: André Bergeron, Executive Director; Kathy Kendall, The Nuance Group (Canada); Remo Mancini, Canadian Transit Company. From the Campaign 2000: Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator. From the Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors: David Thibaudeau, President and Chief Executive Officer; William Strain, Chair, Taxation, Conference for Advanced Life Underwriting (CALU). From CropLife Canada: Charles D. Milne, Vice-President, Government Affairs. From the Toronto Board of Trade: Elyse Allan, President and CEO; Terri Lohnes, Senior Economist/Policy Advisor. From the Campaign for Stable Funding of Adult ESL Classes: Graham Hollings, Coordinator; Prasanna Hettiarachchi, Former Adult ESL Student. From the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy: Gordon Floyd, Vice-President of Public Affairs. From the Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association: Don Maunders, Vice President, A & W. Food Services of Canada Inc.; Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs. From the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation: Malcolm Burrows, Director, Development and Gift Planning. From the Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (Kairos): Pat Steenberg, Executive Director; Dennis Howlett, Team Leader, Canadian Justice. From Escarpment Biosphere Foundation: Robert Barnett, Executive Director. From Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada: Mel Norton, Member of Board of Director. From the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees: Geoff Fortier, Representative. From the University of Toronto: Prof. Carolyn Tuohy, Interim Vice President, Research and International Relations, Vice President, Policy Development and Associate Provost; Dr. Peter Munsche, Assistant Vice President, Technology Transfer Research and International Relations. As Individual: David Cross.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1 the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Joseph Polito, Kathy Kendall, Remo Mancini, Laurel Rothman, David Thibaudeau, Charles D. Milne, Elyse Allen, each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:23 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Graham Hollings, Prasanna Hettiarachchi, Gordon Floyd, Malcolm Burrows, Don Maunders, each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:28 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pat Steenberg, Dennis Howlett, Robert Barnett, Mel Norton, Geoff Fortier, Dr. Robert J. Birgeneau, David Cross, Dr. Carolyn Tuohy, each made a statement and, with Joyce Reynolds, answered questions.

At 7:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 14

Monday, November 4, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators:

Jennifer Orum, National Board Member.

David Suzuki Foundation:

Dermot Foley, Research Analyst;

Jim Fulton, Executive Director;

Gerry Scott, Climate Change Director.

Greater Vancouver Gateway Council:

Brad Eshelman, Member;

R.V. Wilds, Managing Director.

Parents for Child Care:

Necole Anderson, Steering Committee Member.

Panel II

Fuel Cells Canada:

Ron Britton, President and CEO;
Christopher Curtis, Vice-President.

Indian Taxation Advisory Board:

Clarence (Manny) Jules, Chief and Chair.

Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre:

John Nightingale, President.

Vancouver Board of Trade:

Janette Pantry, Director;
Dave Park, Assistant Managing Director and Chief Economist.



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Meeting No. 14

Monday, November 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:40 p.m. this day, in Vancouver at the Renaissance Vancouver Hotel in Harbourside Ballroom 1, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung and Shawn Murphy.

Acting Member present: Svend Robinson for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal. *From the Committees Directorate:* Jeffrey Leblanc, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators: Jennifer Orum, National Board Member, Financial Aid and Awards, U. of Victoria. *From the David Suzuki Foundation:* Jim Fulton, Executive Director; Gerry Scott, Climate Change Director; Dermot Foley, Policy Analyst, Climate Change and Energy. *From the Greater Vancouver Gateway Council:* R.V. Wilds, Managing Director; Brad Eshleman, Member of the Board, President, B.C. Wharf Operators Association. *From the Parents for Child Care:* Nicole Anderson, Steering Committee Member. *From the Fuel Cells Canada:* Ron Britton, President and CEO; Christopher T. Curtis, Vice President. *From the Indian Taxation Advisory Board:* Chief Clarence (Manny) Jules, Chair. *From the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre:* John Nightingale, President. *From the Vancouver Board of Trade:* Janette Pantry, Director; Dave Park, Assistant Managing Director and Chief Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Jennifer Orum, Jim Fulton, Gerry Scott, Dermot Foley, R.V. Wilds and Nicole Anderson made opening statements and, with the other witness answered questions.

At 3:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ron Britton, Chief Clarence (Manny) Jules, John Nightingale and Janette Pantry made opening statements and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs:

Donald F. Warden, Chairman, Government Affairs Committee.

Canadian Association of Not-for-Profit RESP Dealers:

Paul Renaud, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs.

Canadian Professional Sales Association:

Terry Ruffel, President.

Conservation Ontario (Newmarket):

George Braithwaite, Vice-Chair;

Richard Hunter, General Manager;

Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer.

World Wildlife Fund Canada:

Pete Ewins, Conservation Director.

Panel II

Canadian Automobile Dealers Association:

Richard Gauthier, President.

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:

Jim Keon, President.

Canadian Pensioners Concerned Incorporated:

Mae Harman, Chair, Economic Issues Committee;

Gerda Kaegi, Immediate Past President, Ontario Division, Vice-President, National Association.

Citizens for Public Justice:

Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Coordinator, Socio-economic Concerns.

Ontario Chamber of Commerce:

Leonard Crispino, President and Chief Operating Officer;

Mary Webb, Board Member, Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Toronto at the Toronto Congress Centre, Room Gordon Pinsent 1-2-3, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, The Hon. Maria Minna, Charlie Penson, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Brian Masse for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Marc-Olivier Girard, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs: Donald F. Warden, Chairman, Government Affairs Committee. *From the Canadian Association of Not-for-Profit RESP Dealers:* Paul Renaud, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs; Ray Riley, Vice-President, Sales; Peter Lewis, Vice President, Administration, Canadian Scholarship Trust. *From the Canadian Professional Sales Association:* Terry Ruffel, President. *From the Conservation Ontario (Newmarket):* Richard D. Hunter, General Manager; George Brathwaite, Vice-Chair; Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer. *From the World Wildlife Fund Canada:* Dr. Pete Ewins, Conservation Director. *From the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association:* Richard Gauthier, President. *From the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:* Jim Keon, President. *From the Canadian Pensioners Concerned Incorporated:* Gerda Kaegi, President, National Association; Mae Harman, Chair, Economic Issues Committee. *From the Citizens for Public Justice:* Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Socio-economic Concerns Coordinator. *From the Ontario Chamber of Commerce:* Leonard Crispino, President and Chief Operating Officer; Atul Sharma, Vice President, Policy Development and Chief Economist; Mary Webb, Board Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Donald F. Warden, Paul Renaud, Peter Lewis, Terry Ruffel, Richard D. Hunter and Dr. Peter Ewins, each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:25 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Richard Gauthier, Jim Keon, Mae Harman, Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Leonard Crispino, Mary Webb, each made a statement and, with Gerda Kaegi, answered questions.

At 12:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

City of Vancouver:

Philip Owen, Mayor.

Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority:

Doug McCallum, Chair; Mayor of Surrey.

Hawkair:

Dave Menzies, President.

Pacific Coastal Airlines Limited:

Daryl Smith, Chief Executive Officer.

TRIUMF:

Jean-Michel Poutissou, Associate Director.

University of British Columbia:

Allan Tupper, Associate Vice-President.

Panel II

B.C. Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres:

Carl Mashon, Senior Programs Director.

Canadian Association of Gift Planners:

Janice Loomer Margolis, Communications Manager.

Coalition of Child Care Advocates of B.C.:

Sheila Davidson, Executive Director of Child Care, SFU Children's Centre, Simon Fraser University.

Houston Friendship Centre Society:

Penny Perlotto, Executive Director.

Nunavut Association of Municipalities:

Keith Peterson, President.



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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Vancouver at the Renaissance Vancouver Hotel in Harbourside Ballroom 1, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung and Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal. From the Committees Directorate: Diane Deschamps, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the City of Vancouver: Philip W. Owen, Mayor. From the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority: Doug McCallum, Chair, Mayor of Surrey; Robert Paddon, Vice-President, Corporate and Public Affairs. From the Pacific Coastal Airlines Limited: Quentin Smith, President; Daryl Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Dave Menzies, Operations Manager, Hawk Air. From Triumph: Dr. Jean-Michel Poutissou. From the University of British Columbia: Dr. Allan Tupper, Associate Vice-President, Government Relations. From the Canadian Association of Gift Planners: Janice Loomer Margolis, Communication Manager, Government Relations Committee. From the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC: Sheila Davidson. From the Houston Friendship Centre Society: Penny Perlotto, Executive Director; Carl Mashon, Senior Program Manager. From the Nunavut Association of Municipalities: Keith Peterson, President; David General, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Alan Tupper, Jean-Michel Poutissou, Daryl Smith, Doug McCallum and Philip W. Owen made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Janice Loomer Margolis, Sheila Davidson, Penny Perlotto, Carl Mashon and Keith Peterson made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeffrey LeBlanc

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

ALS Society of Canada:

Susan Graham Walker, Director of Communications and Program;

Audrey McKinnon, Caregiver;

Teresa Rivero, President, ALS Society of Toronto; and Member of the Board of Directors.

Association for the Abolition of Capital Taxes:

David Penney, General Director, Tax;

Satya Poddar, National Director, Tax Policy Services.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Michael Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Policy.

Canadian Nurses Association:

Lucille Auffrey, Executive Director;

Robert Calnan, President.

Canadian Retail Building Supply Council:

David Campbell, President, Lumber and Building Materials Association of Ontario.

Canadian Retail Hardware Association:

Robert Elliott, President.

GO Transit:

Frances Chung, Director of Financial Services.

Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association:

Sheldon Libfeld, President;

Mark Parsons, Member of the Executive.

Hospital for Sick Children:

Manuel Buchwald, Doctor and Chief of Research;

Cyndy DeGiusti, Chief, Public Affairs.

Investment Dealers Association of Canada:

Joseph Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Ian Russell, Senior Vice-President, Industry Relations and Representation.

Investment Funds Institute of Canada:

Thomas Hockin, President and Chief Executive Officer;

John Mountain, Vice-President.

Urban Development Institute/Ontario:

Paul Mondell, President, UDI Canada;

Neil H. Rodgers, President, UDI Canada.



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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:30 p.m. this day, in Toronto at the Toronto Congress Centre in Gordon Pinsent 1-2-3 room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, The Hon. Maria Minna, Gary Pillitteri, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Marc-Olivier Girard, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the ALS Society of Canada: Susan Graham Walker, Director of Communications and Program; Teresa Rivero, President, (Metro Toronto and Area) Member of Board of Directors; Audrey McKinnon, Caregiver. *From the Canadian Retail Building Supply Council:* David Campbell, President Canadian Lumber and Building Materials Association of Ontario. *From the Canadian Retail Hardware Association:* Robert Elliott, President. *From the GO Transit:* Frances Chung, Director of Financial Services. *From the Hospital for Sick Children:* Cyndy DeGiusti, Chief of Public Affairs; Dr. Manuel Buchwald, Chief of Research, The Hospital for Sick Children. *From the Investment Dealers Association of Canada:* Joseph Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer; Ian Russell, Senior Vice-President, Industry Relations and Representation; Jon Cockerline, Director, Capital Markets. *From the Association for the Abolition of Capital Taxes:* Satya Poddar, National Director, Tax Policy Services, Ernst & Young; David Penney, General Director, Tax, General Motors of Canada Ltd. *From the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (The):* Michael N. Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Policy; Tina Kremmidas, Senior Economist. *From the Canadian Nurses Association:* Robert Calnan, President; Lucille Auffrey, Executive Director. *From the Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association:* Sheldon Libfield, President; Mark Parsons, Member of the Executive. *From the Investment Funds Institute of Canada:* Thomas Hockin, President and CEO; John Mountain, Vice-President. *From the Urban Development Institute/Ontario:* Paul Mondell, President, UDI Canada; Neil H. Rodgers, President, UDI Ontario.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Susan Graham Walker, Teresa Rivero, Audrey McKinnon, David Campbell, Robert Elliott, Frances Chung, Cyndy Degiusti, Manuel Buchwald, Joseph Oliver, each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 15:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 15:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

David Penney, Satya Poddar, Michael N. Murphy, Robert Calnan, Sheldon Libfield, Mark Parsons, Thomas Hockin, each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, November 6, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Association of Canadian Pension Management:

Stephen Bigsby, Executive Director;

Wendy Forsythe, Chair, Strategic Communications Committee.

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Michael Bach, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations:

Vince Brescia.

Ontario Hospital Association:

David MacKinnon, President and CEO;

Virginia McLaughlin, Board Member and Chair of the OHA Advocacy Committee.

Writers' Union of Canada:

Barry Grills, Chair;

Deborah Windsor, Executive Director.

Panel II

Campaign Against Child Poverty:

Caroline Di Giovanni, Director of Public Affairs, Catholic Children's Aid Society;

Jacquie Maund, Coordinator;

Gerald Vandezande, Spokesperson.

Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:

Judy Cutler, Director of Communications;

William Gleberzon, Associate Executive Director.

City of Hamilton:

Luciano Piccioni, Business Development Consultant, Brownfields Coordinator.

Direct Sellers Association of Canada:

W. Jack Millar, Senior Partner, Millar Wyslobicky Kreklewetz.

National Council of Women of Canada:

Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, President.

National Housing and Homelessness Network:

Michael Shapcott, Co-Chair.

Toronto Disaster Relief Committee:

Cathy Crowe, Steering Committee Member.



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Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, November 6, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Toronto at the Toronto Congress Centre in Gordon Pinsent 1-2-3 room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, The Hon. Maria Minna, Charlie Penson, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Brian Masse for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Marc-Olivier Girard, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Association of Canadian Pension Management: Ian Markham, Vice-Chair, Advocacy and Government Relations Committee. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Michael Bach, Executive Vice-President. *From the Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations:* Vince Brescia. *From the Ontario Hospital Association:* Leo Steven, Chair of Board of Directors; David MacKinnon, President and CEO. *From the Writers' Union of Canada:* Deborah Windsor, Executive Director; Barry Grills, Chair. *From the Campaign Against Child Poverty:* Caroline Di Giovanni, Director of Public Affairs, Catholic Children's Aid Society; Gerald Vandezande, Spokesperson; Jacquie Maund, Coordinator. *From the Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:* William Gleberzon, Associate Executive Director; Judy Cutler, Director of Communications. *From the City of Hamilton:* Luciano P. Piccioni, Business Development Consultant, Brownfields Coordinator. *From the Direct Sellers Association:* W. Jack Millar, Senior Partner, Millar Wyslobicky Kreklewetz. *From the National Council of Women of Canada:* Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, President. *From the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee:* Cathy Crowe, Steering Committee Member. *From the National Housing and Homeless Network:* Michael Shapcott, Co-Chair, NHHN.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Wendy Forsythe, Michael Bach, Vince Brescia, David MacKinnon, Barry Grills, each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Caroline Di Giovanni, Jacquie Maund, Judy Cutler, William Gleberzon, Luciano P. Piccioni, W. Jack Millar, Catherine Laidlaw-Sly, Cathy Crowe, Michael Shapcott, each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, November 6, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Alberta Real Estate Association:

Les Higa, President-Elect;

Janet Poyen, Manager, Member Services.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

Bill Gaudette, President.

Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation:

Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director.

Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:

Marlie Burt, Director, Tax, Suncor Energy Inc. Calgary;

Paula McGarrigle, Manager, Renewables;

Andrew Pape-Salmon, Director of Sustainable Energy, Pembina Institute, Vancouver.

As Individuals:

Eric Cordeiro;

Beverley Smith.

Panel II

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:

John Richels, Vice-Chair; President and CEO, Devon Canada Corporation;

Greg Stringham, Vice-President, Markets and Fiscal Policy.

City of Calgary:

Dave Bronconnier, Mayor.

Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations:

Jeremy Mouat, President.

Tax Executives Institute Inc.:

J.A. (Drew) Glennie, General Manager, Tax and Insurance.

WestJet Airlines:

Bill Lamberton, Vice President, Marketing and Sales.



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Wednesday, November 6, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Calgary at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Plaza 1 Room, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung and Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal. *From the Committees Directorate:* Jeffrey Leblanc, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Alberta Real Estate Association: Les Higa, President Elect; Janet Poyen, Manager Member Services. *From the Canadian Mental Health Association:* Bill Gaudette, President. *From the Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation:* Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director. *From the Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:* Marlie Burt, Director, Tax, Suncor Energy Inc. Calgary; Andrew Pape-Salmon, Director of Sustainable Energy, Pembina Institute, Vancouver; Paula McGarrigle, P.Eng., MBA, Manager, Renewables, Shell Canada Limited. *As Individuals:* Beverley Smith; Eric Cordeiro. *From the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:* Greg L. Stringham, Vice President, Markets & Fiscal Policy; John Richels, Vice Chair, President and CEO of Devon Canada Corporation. *From the City of Calgary:* David Bronconnier, Mayor. *From the Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations:* Dr. Jeremy Mouat, President. *From the Tax Executives Institute, Inc.:* J.A. (Drew) Glennie, General Manager, Tax and Insurance, Shell Canada Limited. *From the WestJet Airlines:* Bill Lambertin, Vice President, Sales and Marketing.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Les Higa, Janet Poyen, Bill Gaudette, Hazel Corcoran, Andrew Pape-Salmon, Marlie Burt, Beverly Smith and Eric Cordeiro made opening statements and with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Bill Lambertin, David Bronconnier, Jeremy Mouat, J.A. (Drew) Glennie and John Richels made opening statements and with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, November 6, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:

John Metson, President.

Canadian Tooling and Machining Association:

James D. Bowman, Chair, Apprenticeship Tax Credit Committee.

Evergreen Common Grounds:

Stewart Chisholm, Manager, Capacity Building and Education;

Barbara Heidenreich, Manager, Land Trust.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Deanna Groetzinger, Vice-President, Communications.

Nature Conservancy of Canada:

John Lounds, President.

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care Network:

Cheryl DeGras, Executive Director;

Kira Heineck, Public Education Coordinator.

Panel II

ATS Automation Tooling Systems Inc.:

Milfred Hammerbacher, President, Spheral Solar Power Inc..

Canadian Cancer Society:

Julie White, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Institute of Public and Private Real Estate Companies:

Ian Bacque, Director, Government Relations.

Health Charities Council of Canada:

Fiona Chapman, Executive Member;

Chris Higgins, Director.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:

Carolyn Brooks, President;

Sally Brown, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer.

Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association:

Robin Campbell, Executive Director.

As Individual:

Donald Johnson .



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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, November 6, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:20 p.m. this day, in Toronto at the Toronto Congress Centre in Gordon Pinsent 1-2-3 room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, The Hon. Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Tony Valeri.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers. *From the Committees Directorate:* Marc-Olivier Girard, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association: Dr. John Metson, President; Reid Rossi, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Tooling and Machining Association:* James D. Bowman, Vice President; Robert Cattle, Director. *From the Evergreen Commons Grounds:* Barbara Heidenreich, Manager, Land Trust; Stewart Chisholm, Manager, Capacity building and Education. *From the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Deanna Groetzinger, Vice-President, Communications. *From the Nature Conservancy Canada:* John Lounds, President; Thea Silver, Director of Government Relations. *From the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care Network:* Kira Heineck, Public Education Coordinator; Cheryl DeGras, Executive Director. *From the ATS Automation Tooling Systems Inc.:* Milfred Hammerbacher, President, Sperial Solar Power Inc.. *From the Canadian Cancer Society:* Julie White, Chief Executive Officer. *From the Canadian Institute of Public and Private Real Estate Companies:* Ian Bacque, Director, Government Relations. *From the Health Charities Council of Canada:* Fiona Chapman, Executive Member; Chris Higgins, Director. *From the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:* Carolyn Brooks, President; Sally Brown, Executive Director and CEO. *From the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association:* Robin Campbell, Executive Director. *From the As Individual:* Donald Johnson.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Dr. John Metson, James D. Bowman, Stewart Chisholm, Barbara Heidenreich, Deanna Groetzinger, John Lounds, Kira Heineck, Cheryl DeGras, each made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:46 p.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 3:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Julie White, Ian Bacque, Milfred Hammerbacher, Fiona Chapman, Carolyn Brooks, Robin Campbell, Donald Johnson, each made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 21

Thursday, November 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Brome Financial Corporation:

Michel Gratton, President.

Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers:

Frank Trotter, President.

Canadian Factors Association:

Matthew Levinson, Vice-President.

"Centre canadien d'études et de coopération internationales (SUCO) ":

Amir Khadir, Chairman of the Board;

Claude Perras, Acting Director General.

Games Sport Matters Group:

Joan Duncan, President Commonwealth;

Victor Lachance, Senior Leader.

Go for Green:

Francine Godin, Executive Director;

Steve Grundy, Director of Development.

Heritage Canada Foundation:

Brian P. Anthony, Executive Director.

Panel II

Association of Canadian Community Colleges:

Gerald Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Association of University Teachers:

James Turk, Executive Director.

Canadian Federation of Students:

Ian Boyko, National Chairperson.

Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada:

Denise Pelletier, Vice-President for External Communications; “directrice du Cabinet,
Université du Québec à Montréal”.



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Meeting No. 21

Thursday, November 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:50 a.m. this day, in Montreal, Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal in Maisonneuve Room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rahim Jaffer, The Hon. Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Charlie Penson, Tony Valeri, Wilfert Bryon..

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers: Frank Trotter, President; Gordon Patterson, Director. *From the Canadian Factors Association:* Michel Gratton, President, Brome Financial; Mathiew Levinson, Vice President, MONTCAP Financial Corporation. *From the "Centre canadien d'études et de coopération internationales":* Amir Khadir, Chairman of the Board, Suco; Claude Perras, Acting Director General. *From the Go for Green:* Francine Godin; Steve Grundy. *From Heritage Canada Foundation:* Brian P. Anthony, Executive Director. *From Sport Matters Group:* Victor Lachance, Senior Leader; Joan Duncan, President, Commonwealth Games. *From the Association of Canadian Community Colleges:* Gerald Brown, President. *From the Canadian Association of University Teachers:* James L. Turk, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Federation of Students:* Ian Boyko, National Chairperson. *From the "Université du Québec à Montréal":* Denise Pelletier, "directrice du Cabinet et vice-présidente aux communications externes"; Guy Berthiaume, "vice-recteur adjoint et chef de cabinet du recteur".

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Amir Khadir, Frank Trotter, Michel Gratton, Matthew Levinson, Francine Godin, Steve Grundy, Brian P. Anthony, Joan Duncan, Victor Lachance each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 11:18 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Gerald Brown, James L. Turk, Ian Boyko, Denise Pelletier, Guy Berthiaume, each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 22

Thursday, November 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Dehydrators Association:

Warren Pridham, President; Canadian Hay Association;

Dale Pulkinen, Executive Director; Canadian Hay Association.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Marvin Shauf, Second Vice-President.

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:

Garth Moore, President, Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc.;

Karen Rowbottom, Chair, Working Group.

Saskatchewan Agrivision Corporation:

Al Scholz, Executive Director;

C.M. Williams, President.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:

Norm Halldorson, Chair, Finance Committee.

University of Regina:

Jim Tomkins, Vice-President, Administration.

Panel II

Canadian School Boards Association:

Monique Bélanger, Director, Policy;

Gary Shaddock, President.

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology:

W.A. Sam Shaw, President.

Saskatchewan School Trustees Association:

Craig Melvin, Executive Director;

John Nikolejsin, President.

Trans-Canada #1 West Association:

Frank Abdou, Board Member.

University of Saskatchewan:

R. Peter MacKinnon, President.

As Individuals:

Kebrom Haimanot;

John McConnell.



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Meeting No. 22

Thursday, November 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:51 a.m. this day, in Saskatoon at the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre in the Regal A Room, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola and Shawn Murphy.

Acting Member present: Pat Martin for Lorne Nystrom.

Other Member present: Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal. *From the Committees Directorate:* Diane Deschamps, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Dehydrators Association and Canadian Hay Association: Warren Pridham, President; Dale Pulkinen, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Marvin Shauf, 2nd Vice-President. *From the Canadian Fertilizer Institute:* Garth Moore, PCS President; Karen Rowbottom, Chair, CFI Working Group, Agrium. *From the Saskatchewan Agrivision Corporation:* C.M. Williams, President; Al Scholz, Executive Director. *From the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:* Norm Halldorson, Chairperson, Finance Committee. *From the University of Regina:* Dr. Jim Tomkins, Vice-President (administration). *From the Canadian School Boards Association:* Gary Shaddock, President; Monique Bélanger, Director, Policy and Projects. *From the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology:* Dr. W.A. (Sam) Shaw, President; David Janzen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration. *From the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association:* John Nikolejsin, President; Craig Melvin, Executive Director. *From the Trans-Canada #1 West Association:* Frank Abdou, Board member. *From the University of Saskatchewan:* Peter McKinnon, President. *As Individuals:* John McConnell; Kebrom Haimanot.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Dale Pulkinen, Warren Pridham, Marvin Shauf, Garth Moore, Karen Rowbottom, Norm Halldorson, Jim Tomkins, C.M. Williams and Al Scholz made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:32 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Gary Shaddock, W.A. (Sam) Shaw, John Nikolejsin, Craig Melvin, Frank Abdou, Peter McKinnon, John McConnell and Kebrom Haimanot made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeffrey LeBlanc

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, November 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Chakastaypasin Band Cree Nation:

Sol Sanderson, Chief.

Métis National Council:

Gerald Morin, President.

Nothern Development Board:

Barrie Bergsma, Business Consultant;

Max Morin, Co-Chair.

Northern Lights School Division:

Tina Anderson, Chairperson, Board of Education;

Ralph Pilz, Director of Education.

Northern Teacher Education Program:

Elie Fleury, Director;

Bruce Ruelling, Chairman.

Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association:

Sue Delanoy, Representative;

Bev Drew, Representative.



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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, November 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:05 p.m. this day, in Saskatoon at the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre in Regal A Room, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Casson, Nick Discepola and Shawn Murphy.

Acting Member present: Pat Martin for Lorne Nystrom.

Other Members present: Lynne Yelich and Rick Laliberté.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal. *From the Committees Directorate:* Jeffrey Leblanc, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Chakastaypasin Band of the Cree Nation: Chief Sol Sanderson. *From the Metis National Council:* Gerald Morin, President; Lorna Dolken, Vice-President, Metis Nation / Saskatchewan. *From the Northern Development Board:* Barrie Bergsma, Business Consultant; Max Morin, Co-Chair. *From the Northern Lights School Division:* Tina Anderson, Chairperson of the Board of Education; Ralph Pilz, Director of Education. *From the Northern Teacher Education Program:* Bruce Ruelling, Chairman; Elie Fleury, Director. *From the Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association:* Sue Delanoy; Bev Drew.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Chief Sol Sanderson, Gerald Morin, Tina Anderson, Max Morin, Barrie Bergsma, Bruce Ruelling, Elie Fleury, Sue Delanoy and Bev Drew made opening statements and answered questions.

At 2:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 24

Thursday, November 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:

Sam Boutziouvis, Vice-President, Policy, and Senior Economic Advisor;
Thomas d'Aquino, President and Chief Executive Officer;
David Stewart-Patterson, First Vice-President, Policy and Communications.

Canadian Museums Association:

Francine Brousseau, President;
John McAvity, Executive Director.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

John Schmal, President.

Partnership Group in Science and Engineering:

Denis A. St-Onge, Past Chair.

Tourism Industry Association of Canada:

Randall Williams, President and CEO.



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Meeting No. 24

Thursday, November 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:30 p.m. this day, in Montreal at the Hôtel Inter-Continental Montreal in the Maisonneuve Room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rahim Jaffer, The Hon. Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Tony Valeri, Wilfert Bryon.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Council of Chief Executives: Thomas d'Aquino, President and Chief Executive Officer; David Stewart-Patterson, Senior Vice-President, Policy; Sam T. Boutziouvis, Vice-President, Policy and Senior Economic Advisor. *From the Canadian Museums Association:* Francine Brousseau, President; John G. McAvity, Executive Director. *From the Federation of Canadian Municipalities:* John Schmal, President; James W. Knight, Chief Executive Officer; David Cohen, Director, Economic and Social Policy. *From the Partnership Group in Science and Engineering:* Dr. Denis A. St-Onge, Past Chair. *From the Tourism Industry Association of Canada:* Randall M. Williams, President and CEO.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Thomas D'Aquino, Francine Brousseau, John Schmal, Dr. Denis A. St-Onge, Randall M. Williams each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 25

Friday, November 8, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants:

Pierre Brunet, Chair of the board.

Cement Association of Canada:

Michael Giroux, Vice-President, Headquarters;

Claude Pigeon, Vice-President, Quebec Region.

"Coalition pour le renouvellement des infrastructures du Québec":

Marc Couture, "Groupe-conseil BPR";

Gilles Vaillancourt, President; Mayor of Laval.

"Conseil national des cycles supérieurs":

France St-Onge, President.

"Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec":

Benoît Riopel, Vice-Président.

Panel II

Canadian Council of Regional Breweries:

Pierre Paquin, General Manager.

Canadian Taxpayers' Federation:

Walter Robinson, Federal Director.

CFIB-Quebec:

Pierre Emmanuel Paradis, Senior Economist.

Forest Products Association of Canada:

Louise Desjardins, Director, Taxation;

Paul Lansbergen, Director, Taxation and Business Issues.

National Task Force to Promote Employer-Provided Tax-Exempt Transit Benefits:

Donna-Lynn Ahee, Project Manager;

Amelia Shaw, Manager, Public Affairs, Canadian Urban Transit Association.

Results Canada:

Jean-Michel Laurin, Volunteer.

Union of Canadian Transport Employees:

Richard Côté, Regional Vice-President, Province of Quebec.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Friday, November 8, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Montreal at the Hôtel Inter-Continental Montreal in the Maisonneuve Room, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, The Hon. Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Tony Valeri.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants: Pierre Brunet, Chair, CICA Board of Directors. *From the Cement Association of Canada:* Michael Giroux, Vice President, Headquarters; Claude Pigeon, Vice President, Quebec Region. *From the "Coalition pour le renouvellement des infrastructures du Québec":* Gilles Vaillancourt, Mayor of Laval and President of "Coalition pour le renouvellement des infrastructures du Québec"; Marc Couture, "BPR Groupe-Conseil". *From the "Conseil national des cycles supérieurs":* France St-Onge, President. *From the "Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec":* Benoit Riopel, Vice President; Nicolas Brisson, President. *From the Canadian Council of Regional Breweries:* Pierre Paquin, General Manager; Bob King, President, Big Rock Brewery; J. Kevin Meens, Executive Vice President, Marketing, Brick Brewing Co Limited; Laura Urtnowski, President, "Les Brasseurs du Nord Inc.". *From the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation:* Walter Robinson, Federal Director. *From the Forest Products Association of Canada:* Paul Lansbergen, Director, Taxation and Business Issues; Louise Desjardins, Director, Taxation. *From the National Task Force to Promote Employer-Provided Tax-Exempt Transit Benefits:* Amelia Shaw, Manager, Public Affairs, Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA); Donna-Lynn Ahee, Project Manager. *From Results Canada:* Jean-Michel Laurin, Volunteer. *From the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees:* Richard Côté, Regional Vice-President. *From the Canadian Federation of Independent Business:* Pierre-Emmanuel Paradis, Senior Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Pierre Brunet, Michael Giroux, Gilles Vaillancourt, France St-Onge, Benoit Riopel, each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:25 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pierre Paquin, Walter Robinson, Paul Lansbergen, Amelia Shaw, Pierre Côté, Pierre-Emmanuel Paradis, each made a statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 26

Friday, November 8, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

PANEL I

Association for Community Living (Manitoba):

Dale Kendel, Executive Director.

Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:

Debra Mayer, Director, Manitoba Division.

Congress of Union Retirees of Canada:

Al Cerilli, Member, Executive Council.

Manitoba Child Care Association:

Don Giesbrecht, President;

Pat Wege, Executive Director.

Manitoba Schizophrenia Society Inc:

Verne McComas, Coordinator.

North-South Institute:

Roy Culpeper, President.

Panel II

Association of Manitoba Municipalities:

Stu Brièse, President.

Canadian Community Economic Development Network:

Garry Loewen, Co-Chair, Policy Committee.

CanWest Global Communications Corp.:

Geoffrey Elliot, Vice-President.

Manitoba Organization of Faculty Association:

James Clark, President.

Winnipeg Real Estate Board:

Kenneth Clark;

Peter Squire.



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Meeting No. 26

Friday, November 8, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Winnipeg at the Winnipeg Convention Centre in Pan Am Room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Shawn Murphy.

Acting Member present: Pat Martin for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal. *From the Committees Directorate:* Jeffrey Leblanc, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the North-South Institute: Roy Culpeper, President. *From the Association of Community Living:* Dale H. Kendel, Executive Director. *From the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:* Debra Mayer, Director, Manitoba Division. *From the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada:* Al Cerilli, President, Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees. *From the Manitoba Child Care Association:* Don Giesbrecht, President; Pat Wege, Executive Director. *From the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society - Lifelinks:* Verne McComas, Coordinator. *From the Association of Manitoba Municipalities:* Stuart Briese, President; Garry Wasylowski, Vice President. *From the Canadian Community Economic Development Network:* Garry Loewen, Co-Chair, Policy Committee. *From the CanWest Global Communication Corp:* Geoffrey Elliott, Vice-President. *From the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations:* James M. Clark, President. *From the Winnipeg Real Estate Board:* Peter Squire; Kenneth Clark.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Roy Culpeper, Dale H. Kendel, Debra Mayer, Al Cerilli, Don Giesbrecht, Pat Wege, Verne McComas made opening statements and answered questions.

At 9:51 a.m., Roy Cullen took the Chair.

At 10:00 a.m., Sue Barnes took the Chair.

At 10:35 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Stu Briese, Garry Loewen, Geoffrey Elliott, James M. Clark, Kenneth Clark made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., Roy Cullen took the Chair.

At 11:30 a.m., Shawn Murphy took the Chair.

At 11:34 a.m., Roy Cullen took the Chair.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 27

Friday, November 8, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget discussions

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Perry Bellegarde, Regional Vice-Chief for Saskatchewan; Chief, Federation of
Saskatchewan Indian Nations;

Richard Powless, Special Adviser.

Métis National Council of Women:

Sheila Genaille, President.

National Aboriginal Voluntary Organization:

Wayne Helgason, Board Member;

Damon Johnston, Co-Chair.

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Terri Brown, President;

Sherri Lewis, Chair, Finance.



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Meeting No. 27

Friday, November 8, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:21 p.m. this day, in Winnipeg at the Winnipeg Convention Centre in the Pan Am Room, the Acting Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen.

Acting Members present: Pat Martin for Lorne Nystrom, Reg Alcock for Sue Barnes, Raymond Simard for Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal. *From the Committees Directorate:* Diane Deschamps, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Assembly of First Nations: Perry Bellegarde, Saskatchewan Vice-Chief; Richard Powless, Special Advisor. *From the Métis National Council of Women:* Sheila D. Genaille, President; Joyce Gus, Director. *From the National Aboriginal Voluntary Organization:* Damon Johnston, Co-Chair; Wayne Helgason, Board Member. *From the Native Women's Association of Canada:* Terri Brown, President; Sherry Lewis, Chair, Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee continued its pre-budget discussions.

Perry Bellegarde, Sheila D. Genaille, Damon Johnston, Wayne Helgason and Terri Brown made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeffrey LeBlanc

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, November 20, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Yvon Godin for Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Committee's Directorate: Lisa Chartier-Derouin, Committee Clerk. *From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* June Dewetering, Acting Principal; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee considered a draft report on pre-budget discussions.

It was agreed, on division, --That the draft report be adopted, as amended, as the First Report of the Committee.

It was agreed,--That the title of the report be:

Canada, People, Places and Priorities

It was agreed,--That the Committee append to its report, supplementary or dissenting opinions from the opposition parties provided that they are no more than four pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2002.

It was agreed,--That the chair, researchers and clerks be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed,--That the chair be instructed to present the First Report of the Committee to the House.

It was agreed,--That the Committee print 1500 copies of the report in English and 1000 copies in French.

It was agreed to invite witnesses on Bill C-3 next Tuesday, November 26, 2002.

It was agreed to proceed to the clause-by-clause consideration on Wednesday, November 27, 2002 at 3:30 p.m..

At 8:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan and the Canada Pension Investment Board Act

APPEARING:

Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board:

Gail Cook-Bennett, Chairperson, Board of Directors;

John MacNaughton, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Department of Finance Canada:

Bill Mitchell, Director, Financial Markets Division.

Human Resources Development Canada:

Nada Semaan, Director General, Income Security Programs, Strategic Direction Branch.

Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions:

Jean-Claude Ménard, Chief Actuary.



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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Scott Reid for Rick Casson, Peter Stoffer for the Honourable Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers. From the Committees Directorate: Lisa Chartier-Derouin, Committee Clerk.

Appearing: From the Department of Finance: Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: From the Department of Finance: Bill Mitchell, Director, Financial Markets Division, Financial Sector Policy Branch; Larry Weatherley, Chief, Financial Markets Division, Financial Sector Policy Branch; Réal Bouchard, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy; Clare Scullion, Senior Counsel, General Legal Services; Jean Claude Ménard, Chief Actuary, Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions; Nada Semaan, Director General, Strategic Direction and Partnership, Human Resources Development. From the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board: John A. MacNaughton, President and Chief Executive Officer; Gail Cook-Bennett, Chairperson, Board of Directors.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, October 29, 2002, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Act be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and with Jean Claude Ménard and Bill Mitchell, answered questions.

On motion of Roy Cullen, It was agreed to print 2000 copies of the English Version of the Report on Pre Budget discussion.

It was agreed, on Bill C-3, to invite for Wednesday, November 27, at 3:30 p.m. the following witnesses:

Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens Organization (COCSCO); Bernard Dussault, Former Chief Actuary; Pierre Harbour; C.D. Howe Institute, Bill Robson, Director of Research; Canadian Labour Congress, Ken Georgetti, President; Canadian Auto Workers Union, Jim Stanford, Chief Economist.

At 10:35 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

John A. MacNaughton and Gail Cook-Bennett made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Wednesday, November 27, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan and the Canada Pension Investment board Act

WITNESSES:

C.D. Howe Institute:

William Robson, Vice-President, Director of Research.

Department of Finance:

Bill Mitchell, Director, Financial Markets Division, Financial Sector Policy Branch;

Clare Scullion, Senior Counsel.

Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations:

Daniel Benedict, President.



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Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Joe Comartin for The Honourable Lorne Nystrom, Scott Reid for Rick Casson.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Research Officer. *From the Legislative Services:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Appearing: From the Department of Finance: Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: From the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations: Daniel Benedict, President; Anne Dorion, Member of the Executif. *From C.D. Howe Institute:* William B.P. Robson, Vice President, Director of Research. *From the Department of Finance:* Réal Bouchard, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy; Larry Weatherley, Chief, Financial Markets Division, Financial Sector Policy Branch; Bill Mitchell, Director, Financial Markets Division, Financial Sector Policy Branch; Clare Scullion, Senior Counsel, General Legal Services.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 29, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Act (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 26, 2002, Meeting No. 29*).

William B.P. Robson, Daniel Benedict made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 1 carried on division.

Clause 2 carried on division.

Clause 3 carried on division.

Clause 4 carried on division.

Clause 5 carried on division.

Clause 6 carried on division.

Clause 7 carried on division.

Clause 8 carried on division.

Clause 9 carried on division.

Clause 10 carried on division.

Clause 11 carried on division.

Clause 12 carried on division.

Clause 13 carried on division.

Clause 14 carried on division.

Clause 15 carried on division.

Clause 16 carried on division.

Clause 17 carried on division.

Clause 18 carried on division.

Clause 19 carried on division.

Clause 20 carried on division.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried on division.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-3, without amendment, to the House as the First Report of the Committee.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis / Lisa Chartier-Derouin

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Wednesday, December 4, 2002

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, December 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Rahim Jaffer, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research of the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to its future business.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

After debate, -It was agreed to adopt the First Report as amended.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Banks Merger

WITNESSES:

Competition Bureau:

Richard Annan, Major Case Director and Strategic Policy Advisor;

Gerry Birks, Senior Competition Law Officer;

Gaston Jorré, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Competition.

Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada:

Julie Dickson, Assistant Superintendent, Regulation Sector.



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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:36 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Yvan Loubier for Pierre Paquette, Yvon Godin for The Honourable Lorne Nystrom.

Attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal; Blayne Maggart, Research Officer. From the Committees Directorate: Lisa Chartier, Derouin, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Competition Bureau: Gaston Jorré, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Mergers Branch; Richard Annan, Major Case Director and Strategic Policy Advisor; Gerry Birks, Senior Competition Law Officer. From the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada: Julie Dickson, Assistant Superintendent, Regulation Sector; Paul Fecser, Senior Director, Registration and Approvals Division.

Pursuant to Standing 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the study on the Banks Merger.

Gaston Jorré, Richard Annan and Julie Dickson made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:09 a.m. the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of matters related to committee business.

At 11:20 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Banks Merger

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

Brien G. Gray, Senior Vice-President, Policy and Provincial Affairs, Canadian Federation
of Independent Business;

Catherine Swift, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson.





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Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, The Hon. Lorne Nystrom, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member(s) present:

Associate Member(s) present: Jim Abbott, Diane Ablonczy, Rob Anders, David L. Anderson, André Bachand, Roy Bailey, Rex Barnes, Carolyn Bennett, Leon Benoit, Stéphane Bergeron, Bernard Bigras, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Andy Burton, Chuck Cadman, Bill Casey, David Chatters, The Rt Hon. Joe Clark, John Cummins, Stockwell Day, Odina Desrochers, Norman Doyle, Antoine Dubé, John Duncan, Reed Elley, Ken Epp, Brian Fitzpatrick, Paul Forseth, Cheryl Gallant, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold, Yvon Godin, Peter Goldring, Jim Gouk, Gurmant Grewal, Deborah Grey, Monique Guay, Art Hanger, Stephen Harper, Loyola Hearn, John Herron, Grant Hill, Jay Hill, Howard Hilstrom, Betty Hinton, Dale Johnston, Gerald Keddy, Jason Kenney, Yvan Loubier, Gary Lunn, James Lunney, Peter MacKay, Richard Marceau, Inky Mark, Keith Martin, Pat Martin, Philip Mayfield, Alexa McDonough, Grant McNally, Val Meredith, Rob Merrifield, Bob Mills, James Moore, Deepak Obhrai, Brian Pallister, Gilles-A. Perron, Joe Peschisolido, James Rajotte, Scott Reid, John Reynolds, Gerry Ritz, Werner Schmidt, Judy Sgro, Carol Skelton, Monte Solberg, Kevin Sorenson, Larry Spencer, Darrel Stinson, Chuck Strahl, Greg Thompson, Myron Thompson, Vic Toews, Maurice Vellacott, Elsie Wayne, Randy White, Ted White, John Williams, Bob Wood, Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, researcher; Blayne Haggart.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Federation of Independent Business: Catherine Swift, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson; Brien G. Gray, Senior Vice-President, Policy and Provincial Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers

At 5:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lisa Chartier-Derouin / Richard Dupuis

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Bank Mergers

WITNESSES:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

James Knight, Chief Executive Officer.

Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board:

Brian Gibson, Senior Vice-President, Active Equities.

As Individual:

Robert Brown.



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Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Shawn Murphy, The Hon. Lorne Nystrom, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member(s) present: Mario Laframboise

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, researcher; Marc-André Pigeon.

Witness(es): As Individual: Robert Brown, Pension expert. *From the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board:* Brian Gibson, Senior Vice President, Active Equities. *From the Federation of Canadian Municipalities:* James Knight, Chief Executive Officer and Susan Welke, Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

Robert Brown and Brian Gibson made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 4:43 p.m. the sitting resumed.

James Knight made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, January 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers

WITNESSES:

Consumers' Association of Canada:

Dr. Robert Kerton, Chair, Economics and Finance Committee.

"Option consommateurs":

Louise Rozon, Director;

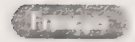
Jacques St-Amant, Legal Counsel.

Public Interest Advocacy Centre:

Sue Lott, Counsel.

Retail Council of Canada:

Diane Brisebois, President and Chief Executive Officer.



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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, January 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Shawn Murphy, The Hon. Lorne Nystrom, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Paul Crête

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, researchers.

Witnesses: From the Retail Council of Canada: Diane J. Brisebois, President and Chief Executive Officer. *From the Consumers' Association of Canada:* Dr. Robert Kerton, Chair, Economics and Finance Committee. *From the "Option Consommateurs":* Louise Rozon, Director; Jacques St-Amant, Legal Counsel. *From the Public Interest Advocacy Centre:* Sue Lott, Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

Diane Brisebois, Dr. Robert Kerton, Louise Rozon and Sue Lott made a statement and with Jacques St-Amant answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 36

Monday, February 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Bank Mergers

WITNESSES:

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:

John Hunkin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

National Bank of Canada:

Réal Raymond, President and Chief Executive Officer.

RBC Financial Group:

Gordon Nixon, President and Chief Executive Officer.



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Meeting No. 36

Monday, February 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, The Hon. Lorne Nystrom, Gary Pillitteri, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the RBC Financial Group: Gordon Nixon, President and Chief Executive Officer; Charles S. Coffey, Executive Vice-President, Government & Community Affairs; Anne Sutherland, Senior Vice-President, Client Segment Strategies. *From the National Bank of Canada:* Réal Raymond, President and Chief Executive Officer; Jean Houde, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Member of the Executive Committee; Jean-Paul Caron, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs. *From the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:* John Hunkin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

Gordon Nixon made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Réal Raymond made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

John Hunkin made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Bank Mergers

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Arthur Donner;

Douglas Peters;

Jean Roy.



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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:35 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, The Hon. Lorne Nystrom, Pierre Paquette, Bryon Wilfert.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individual: Dr. Douglas Peters, Economist; Dr. Arthur Donner, Economist and Consultant; Prof. Jean Roy, Full Professor of Finance, University of Montreal. From the Investment Dealers Association of Canada: Joseph Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer; Jon Cockerline, Director, Capital Markets.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

Dr. Douglas Peters, Dr. Arthur Donner, Prof. Jean Roy and Joseph Oliver made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis / Lisa Chartier-Derouin

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Tuesday, February 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers

WITNESSES:

ATB Financial (Alberta Treasury Board):

Robert Ascah, Vice-President.

Credit Union Central of Canada:

Joanne De Laurentiis, President and Chief Executive Officer;

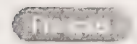
Wayne Nygren, Director, Board of Directors, and Chair, Legislative Affairs Advisory Committee;

Jack Smit, Chairperson, Board of Directors.

CS CO-OP (Community Financial Services):

Madeleine Brilliant, Vice President, Corporate Affairs;

Gary Seveny, President and Chief Executive Officer.



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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, The Hon. Lorne Nystrom, Pierre Paquette, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Ivan Grose for Gary Pillitteri

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Credit Union Central of Canada: Joanne De Laurentiis, President and Chief Executive Officer; Wayne A. Nygren, Director, Board of Directors and Chair, Legislative Affairs Advisory Committee, President and Chief Executive Officer, Credit Union Central of British Columbia; Jack Smit, Chairperson, Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Willibrord Community Credit Union. *From the ATB Financial:* Robert Ascah, Vice President, Corporate Planning. *From the CS CO-OP (Community Financial Services):* Gary M. Seveny, President & Chief Executive Officer; Madeleine Brilliant, Vice President, Corporate Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

Jack Smit, Robert Ascah and Gary M. Seveny made a statement and with Wayne A. Nygren, Madeleine Brilliant and Joanne de Laurentiis answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers

WITNESSES:

Canadian Community Reinvestment Coalition:

Duff Conacher, Chair.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist, Social and Economic Policy.

Community Foundations of Canada:

Monica Patten, President and CEO.

HSBC Bank Canada:

Martin Glynn, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Women Entrepreneurs of Canada:

Ada Lee, President.



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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: The Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance From the Library of Parliament: Marc-André Pigeon and Blayne Haggart, Analysts.

Witnesses: From Women Entrepreneurs of Canada: Ada Lee, President; Dr. Pirjo Friedman, Member. Board of Directors. *From the Community Foundations of Canada:* Monica Patten, President and C.E.O.. *From Democracy Watch:* Duff Conacher, Chairperson, Canadian Community Reinvestment Coalition. *From the Canadian Labour Congress:* Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist, Social & Economic Policy. *From the HSBC Bank Canada:* Martin Glynn, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

Ada Lee, Monica Patten, Andrew Jackson and Duff Conacher made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Martin Glynn made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis / Lisa Chartier-Derouin

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, February 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers

WITNESSES:

BMO Financial Group:

Tony Comper, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Scotiabank:

Peter C. Godsoe, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

TD Bank Financial Group:

Edmund Clark, President and Chief Executive Officer.



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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, February 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, Shawn Murphy, The Hon. Lorne Nystrom, Pierre Paquette, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance from the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

Witnesses: From the Scotiabank: Peter C. Godsoe, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. *From the TD Bank Financial Group:* Edmund Clark, President and Chief Executive Officer. *From the BMO Financial Group:* Tony Comper, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Tim O'Neill, Executive Vice-President and Chief Economist; Karen E. Maidment, Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

Peter Godsoe made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Edmund Clark made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:42 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Tony Comper made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Thursday, February 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Harold MacKay.



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Meeting No. 41

Thursday, February 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, Pierre Paquette.

Acting Members present: The Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Judy Wasylycia-Leis; Carmen Provenzano for Bryon Wilfert; Massimo Pacetti for Gary Pillitteri.

In attendance From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witness: As an Individual: Harold MacKay, Former Chair, Task Force on Future of the Financial Services Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

Harold MacKay made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to the motion adopted on Tuesday January 28, 2003, the following briefs from groups and individuals are tabled:

John Ackerman

William Krehm from Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform

James McIntosh from Concordia University

Phil Penson from Teamsters-Canada

Peter R. Downing from TG International Ltd. Management Consultants

The Hon. Henry Jackman from E-L Financial Corporation

Neil W. Baker from The Ridgeline Corporation

Stanley I. Griffin from the Insurance Bureau of Canada

Bernard Sieger from Bernard Sieger Realty Ltd

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis / Lisa Chartier-Derouin

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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Rahim Jaffer, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 9:40 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block. the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Other Member present: The Hon. Lorne Nystrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion.

At 11:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Jim Peterson for Gary Pillitteri; Karen Redman for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

At 6:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Tony Valeri.

Acting Members present: Jim Peterson for Gary Pillitteri.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft report.

At 6:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 9:30 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft report.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

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Meeting No. 47

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Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Jim Peterson for Albina Guarnieri.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft report.

At 5:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

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Wednesday, March 19, 2003

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 48

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, The Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Jim Peterson for Gary Pillitteri.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the public interest implications of large bank mergers.

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft report.

It was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted, as amended, as the Third Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, - That the title of the report be:

LARGE BANK MERGERS IN CANADA: SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR CANADIANS AND CANADIAN BUSINESSES.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report; however, notwithstanding the deadline of 150 days stipulated in Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the comprehensive response to this report be tabled within 90 days of the presentation of the report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Committee append to its report the dissenting or supplementary opinions immediately after the signature of the chair provided that they are no more than 2 pages in length and submitted electronically to the clerk of the Committee, no later than Friday, March 21, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, analysts and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be instructed to present the Third Report of the Committee to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Committee print 500 copies of the report in a bilingual format.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:58 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the request by Richard Harris, Charlie Penson, Pierre Paquette and Judy Wasylycia-Leis in relation to the appearance of the Minister of Finance.

After debate, the question was put on the request and it was negatived on the following recorded decision:

Yeas (2): Richard Harris, Pauline Picard.

Nays (7): Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Jim Peterson, Tony Valeri.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

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Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:50 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Hon. Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marc-André Pigeon.

The Committee proceeded in camera to the consideration of the future business.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 9:43 a.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Hon. Maria Minna, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Steve Mahoney for Nick Discepola.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

The Committee proceeded *in camera* to the consideration of the future business.

At 10:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Second reading of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget

APPEARING:

Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section, Tax Policy Branch;

Peter DeVries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch;

Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch;

Marlene Legare, Senior Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch;

Geoff Truman, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Department of Human Resources Development:

Julie Mah, Chief, Strategic Planning, Department of Human Resources Development.





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Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Charles Caccia for the Hon. Maria Minna; Bob Wood for Tony Valeri.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

Appearing: From the Department of Finance: Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: From the Department of Finance: Peter DeVries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch; Brian Willis, Senior Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Marlene Legare, Senior Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Geoff Truman, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section, Tax Policy Branch; Isabelle Brault, Counsel, General Legal Services Division. *From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada:* Julie Mah, Chief, Strategic Planning.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, April 8, 2003, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 18, 2003 be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and with Peter DeVries, Gérard Lalonde, Brian Willis, Marlene Legare, Geoff Truman, Annie Carrier, Isabelle Brault and Julie Mah answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Bank of Canada's Monetary Policy Report.

WITNESSES:

Bank of Canada:

David Dodge, Governor;

Charles Freedman, Deputy Governor;

Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.



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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Sophia Leung, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Jim Peterson for Nick Discepola.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

Witnesses: From the Bank of Canada: David A. Dodge, Governor; Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor; Charles Freedman, Deputy Governor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Bank of Canada's Monetary Policy Report.

The Governor made a statement and with Paul Jenkins and Charles Freedman answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee proceeded in camera to the consideration of the future business.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 18, 2003

WITNESSES:

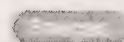
Quebec School Boards Federation:

André Caron, President;

Yves St-Cyr, Legal Counsel.

As Individual:

Roger Tassé, Legal Counsel, Gowling, Lafleur and Henderson.



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Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Rahim Jaffer, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Quebec School Boards Federation: André Caron, President; Yves St-Cyr, Legal Counsel. *As Individual:* Mr. Roger Tassé, Legal Counsel, Gowling, Lafleur and Henderson.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 8, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 18, 2003 (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, April 9, 2003, Meeting No. 51*).

André Caron and Roger Tassé made a statement and with Yves St-Cyr answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, May 1st, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget

WITNESSES:

Dogrib Treaty 11 Council:

Ted Blondin, Negotiator and Land Claims Manager;
Colin Salter, Legal Counsel;
Chief Charlie Nitsiza, Chief of Whati.

Yukon First Nations:

James Harper, Barrister and Solicitor, Pelly Crossing, Yukon;
Chief Darren Taylor, Tr'ondek Hwech'in, Dawson City, Yukon;
Grand Chief Ed Schultz, Council of Yukon First Nations, Whitehorse, Yukon.



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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, May 1st, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Shawn Murphy, Charlie Penson, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for the Hon. Maria Minna and Bob Speller for Gary Pillitteri.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council: Ted Blondin, Negotiator and Land Claims Manager; Chief Charlie Jim Nitsiza, Chief of Whatì; Colin Jesse Salter, Legal Counsel. *From the Yukon First Nations:* Grand Chief Ed Schultz, Council of Yukon First Nations, Whitehorse, Yukon; Chief Joe Linklater, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation; Chief Eric Morris, Teslin Tlingit Council, Teslin, Yukon; Chief Darren Taylor, Tr'ondek Hwech'in, Dawson City, Yukon; James Harper, Barrister and Solicitor, Pelly Crossing, Yukon.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 8, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 18, 2003 (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, April 9, 2003, Meeting No. 51*).

Grand Chief Ed Schultz, Chief Darren Taylor, Chief Charlie Jim Nitsiza and Ted Blondin made a statement and with James Harper and Colin Jesse Salter answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget

APPEARING:

Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Philippe Batani, Economist, Agriculture and Fisheries;

Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section, Tax Policy Branch;

Peter DeVries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch;

Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Finance Canada, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Department of Human Resources Development:

Jim Little, Officer, Operational Policy.



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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Sophia Leung, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Jason Kenney for Rick Casson, Murray Calder for Albina Guarnieri; Stockwell Day for Richard Harris; James Moore for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

Appearing: From the Department of Finance: Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: From the Department of Finance: Peter DeVries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch; Brian Willis, Senior Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch and Ivan Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister and Counsel.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 8, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 18, 2003 (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, April 9, 2003, Meeting No. 51*).

The Committee commenced Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

Charlie Penson moved, -- That the Committee adjourn and come back on Thursday.

The question was put on the motion, and it was negatived on the following recorded vote:

NAYS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Murray Calder, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert - (9)

YEAS: Jason Kenney, Stockwell Day, James Moore, Charlie Penson, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis - (7)

The Parliamentary Secretary with Peter DeVries, Gérard Lalonde, Brian Willis and Yvan Roy answered

questions.

Clauses 2 to 7 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Murray Calder, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert – (9)

NAYS: Charlie Penson, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (4)

By unanimous consent, Clause 8 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 9 to 14 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Murray Calder, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert, Charlie Penson - (10)

NAYS: Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (3)

Clauses 15 and 16 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 17 was allowed to stand.

Clause 18 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 19 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 20 to 30 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Murray Calder, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert – (9)

NAYS: Charlie Penson, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (4)

Clauses 31 to 33 carried on division.

Clauses 34 to 40 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Murray Calder, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert – (9)

NAYS: Charlie Penson, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (4)

Clauses 41 to 43 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 44 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 45 to 60 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Murray Calder, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary

Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert, Charlie Penson, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard – (12)

NAYS: Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (1)

Clauses 61 to 63 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 64 was allowed to stand.

Clause 65 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 66 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 67 and 68 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Murray Calder, Marie Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Bryon Wilfert – (7)

NAYS: Charlie Penson, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (4)

Clauses 69 to 74 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 75 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 76 to 81 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 82 was allowed to stand.

Clause 83 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 84 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 85 and 86 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Murray Calder, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Bryon Wilfert – (7)

NAYS: Charlie Penson, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis – (4)

Clauses 87 to 89 carried on division.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget

APPEARING:

Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESS:

Department of Finance:

Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rick Casson, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Guest Member present: Rosemary Ur for Roy Cullen; Paddy Torsney for Albina Guarnieri; Larry Bagnell for Gary Litteri and Paul Bonwick for Bryon Wilfert.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marc-André Pigeon and Blayne Haggart, Analysts.

Appearing: From the Department of Finance: Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: From the Department of Finance: Peter Devries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch; Brian Willis, Senior Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Yvan Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister and Counsel, Law Branch.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 8, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 18, 2003 (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, April 9, 2003, Meeting No. 51*).

The Committee resumed the Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 99 to 107 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 108 was allowed to stand.

On Clauses 109 to 130.

After debate, the question being put on Clauses 109 to 130 it was carried on the following recorded division:

EAS: Rosemary Ur, Nick Discepola, Paddy Torsney, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna; Shawn Murphy, Larry Bagnell, Paul Bonwick, Bryon Wilfert, Rick Casson, Judy Wasylycia-Leis - (11)

AYS: Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard - (2)

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 8 previously stood.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 6 the following:

“(2.1) To maximize public input into the consultation process described in subsection (2), the Minister of Human Resources Development shall, in advance of these consultations, conduct comprehensive public consultation on the principles and objectives for the Canada Social Transfer to include, among others, groups representing those directly affected by existing social programs.”

The question being put on the amendment, it was negived on the following recorded division:

NAYS: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Paddy Torsney, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna; Shawn Murphy, Larry Bagnell, Pat Bonwick, Bryon Wilfert, Rick Casson, Judy Wasylycia-Leis - (11)

YEAS: Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard - (2)

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing lines 6 and 7 on page 6 with the following:

“programs and for the distinct allocations for post-secondary education, early learning and child care services and so assistance.”

The question being put on the amendment, it was negived by a show of hands.

YEAS: - (10)

NAYS: - (1)

Clause 8 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 17 previously stood.

On Clause 17,

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 17, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 32 with the following:

“is fifteen weeks during the period of 26 weeks”

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 17, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 32 the following:

“(4.11) The maximum number of weeks of benefits specified in subsection (4.1) shall be extended by two-week increments upon certification by a medical doctor that the health and safety of the family member would be compromised by the termination of care provided by the claimant.”

RULING BY THE CHAIR

We have two proposed amendments from the NDP (NDP 2 and NDP 3) relating to Part 4 of the Bill.

Part 4 of the *Budget Implementation Act 2003* introduces a new type of Employment Insurance special benefit, **Compassionate Care benefits**, and set the premium rate for 2004.

Amendment NDP-2 extends the Employment Benefits from six weeks to fifteen weeks. As this would greatly increa

monies paid out by the Government, it goes beyond the Royal Recommendation.

Marleau and Montpetit state on page 655 of the *House of Commons Practice and Procedure* that “an amendment is therefore inadmissible if it imposes a charge on the Public Treasury or extends the objects or purposes or relaxes the conditions and qualifications as expressed in the Royal Recommendation.” The proposed amendment is therefore inadmissible.

Amendment NDP-3 extends the number of weeks that can be claimed for benefits under certain conditions. This too goes beyond the Royal Recommendation and is inadmissible.

Clause 17 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 19 previously stood.

Clause 19,

Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing lines 27 to 32 on page 34 with the following:

) a child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or a person in an equivalent relationship with the person as a result of

) marriage, or

) a relationship with a common-law partner; and

any other person who is a member of a”

Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing line 34 on page 37 with the following:

purposes of paragraph 23.1(1)(c)”

RULING BY THE CHAIR

There have two other proposed amendments from the NDP (NDP-4 and NDP-5) relating to Part 4 of the Bill.

Part 4 of the *Budget Implementation Act 2003* introduces a new type of Employment Insurance special benefit, **passionate Care benefits**, and set the premium rate for 2004.

Amendment NDP-4 adds grandchildren, grandparents, aunts and uncles to the definition of family members that would be eligible for benefits in some circumstances. This “extends the objects” of the Royal Recommendation and is therefore inadmissible.

Amendment NDP-5 is consequential to **NDP-4** so out of order.

Clause 19 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 44 previously stood.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 11 on page 49 with the following:

“(a) \$0.00 for each chargeable emplanement included in the service, to a maximum of \$0.00, if”

Pierre Paquette moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44 be amended by replacing lines 9 to 11 on page 49 with the following :

“(a) \$0.00 for each chargeable emplanement included in the service, if”

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 18 to 20 on page 49 with the following:

“(b) \$0.00 for each chargeable emplanement included in the service, to a maximum of \$0.00, if”

Pierre Paquette moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 18 to 20 on page 49 with the following:

“ b) \$0.00 for each chargeable emplanement included in the service, if”

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 27 to 29 on page 49 with the following:

“(c) \$0.00 for each chargeable emplanement included in the service, to a maximum of \$0.00, if”

Pierre Paquette moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 27 to 29 on page 49 with the following:

“(c) \$0.00 for each chargeable emplanement included in the service, if”

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 37 to 39 on page 49 with the following:

“(d) \$0.00 for each chargeable emplanement included in the service, to a maximum of \$0.00, if”

Pierre Paquette moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing lines 37 to 39 on page 49 with the following:

“(d) \$0.00 for each chargeable emplanement included in the service, if”

Pierre Paquette moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 50 with the following

“(e) \$0.00 if the service includes trans-”

Pierre Paquette moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 44, be amended by deleting lines 11 to 16 on page 50.

RULING BY THE CHAIR

NDP-6, BQ-1, NDP-7, BQ-2, NDP-8, BQ-3, NDP-9, BQ-4, BQ-5 and BQ-6 will be grouped for debate.

Vote on NDP-6 will apply to BQ-1.

Vote on NDP-7 will apply to BQ-2.

Vote on NDP-8 will apply to BQ-3.

Vote on NDP-9 will apply to BQ-4.

and BQ-6 will be voted separately.

On debate, the question being put on the amendment, **NDP-6**, it was negated by a show of hands:

Y: - (4)

N: - (6)

On question being put on the amendment, **NDP-7**, it was negated by a show of hands:

Y: - (4)

N: - (6)

On question being put on the amendment, **NDP-8**, it was negated by a show of hands:

Y: - (4)

N: - (6)

On question being put on the amendment, **NDP-9**, it was negated by a show of hands:

Y: - (4)

N: - (6)

On question being put on the amendment, **BQ-5**, it was negated by a show of hands:

Y: - (4)

N: - (6)

On question being put on the amendment, **BQ-6**, it was negated by a show of hands:

Y: - (4)

N: - (6)

On 44 carried on the following recorded division:

On unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 64 previously stood.

On Clause 64,

Pierre Paquette moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 64, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 29 on page 56 with the following:

“into force on December 17, 1990, except for court cases in which the solicitor for Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada has promised to file consent to judgment before the appropriate tribunal.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

Clause 64 carried on the following recorded division:

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 66 previously stood.

On Clause 66,

Pierre Paquette moved, -- That Bill C-28 be amended by adding after line 32 on page 57 the following new clause:

“66.1 Section 170 of the *Excise Act* is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) In the case of a brewery whose annual production of beer does not exceed 300,000 hectolitres, the duties of excise out in the schedule shall be reduced by sixty per cent for the first 75,000 hectolitres produced each year.”

(insert Ruling)

Clause 66 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 75 previously stood.

On Clause 75,

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 75, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 83 with the following:

“(e) feeding oneself includes”

(insert Ruling)

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 75, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 83 with the following:

“(f) dressing oneself includes any of”

(insert Ruling)

Clause 75 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 82 previously stood.

Clause 82,

Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 82, be amended by deleting lines 36 to 44 on page 93.

Question being put on the amendment, it was negated by a show of hands.

Clause 82 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 84 previously stood.

Clause 84,

Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 84, be amended by replacing lines 36 to 42 on page 96 and lines 1 to 20 on page 97 with the following:

"... for years after 1995, \$13,500."

Question being put on the amendment, it was negated by a show of hands.

Clause 84 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 108 previously stood.

Clause 108,

Wasylycia-Leis moved, -- That Bill C-28, in Clause 108, be amended by replacing line 37 on page 118 with the following:

"... receipt by Receiver General

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After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 108, as amended,

Clause 109 to 130 carried on the following recorded division:

Article I carried on division.

Article II carried on division.

Bill, as amended, carried on the following recorded division:

Article 1 carried on division.

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-28, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 18, 2003, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House of Commons at Report Stage.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-28 with amendment to the House as the Fourth Report of the Committee.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

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Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 4:10 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Andy Savoy for Sophia Leung

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

The Committee proceeds to the consideration of its future business.

At 5:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 – Votes 1, 5 and 10 under
Canada Customs and Revenue Agency

APPEARING:

Hon. Elinor Caplan, Minister of National Revenue

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

François Guimont, Deputy Commissioner;

Denis Lefebvre, Assistant Commissioner, Customs Branch;

Stephen Rigby, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner, Finance and
Administration Branch.



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Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Casson, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard.

Acting Member present: Jim Peterson for Sue Barnes.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Hon. Elinor Caplan, Minister of National Revenue.

Witnesses: From Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: François Guimont, Deputy Commissioner; Stephen Rigby, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Branch; Denis Lefebvre, Assistant Commissioner, Customs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5) and the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 26, 2003, Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 - VOTES 1, 5 and 10 under Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.

The Minister made a statement and with François Guimont, Stephen Rigby and Denis Lefebvre answered questions.

At 4:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the April 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, Chapter 3 - Canada's Strategy to Combat Money Laundering

WITNESSES:

Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada:

Yvon Carrière, Senior Counsel;

Lynn MacFarlane, Deputy Director, Corporate Management;

John Ossowski, Assistant Director, Government Relationships and Communications.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

John Wiersema, Assistant Auditor General.



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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Sophia Leung, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Bryon Wilfert.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: John Wiersema, Assistant Auditor General; Richard Smith, Principal. From the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada: Lynn MacFarlane, Deputy Director, Corporate Management; John Ossowski, Assistant Director, Government Relationships and Communications; Yvon Carrière, Senior Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the April 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, Chapter 3 Canada's Strategy to Combat Money Laundering.

Lynn MacFarlane and John Wiersema made a statement and with Yvon Carrière and John Ossowski answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the proposed policy of the Treasury Board on external charging policy

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

John Morgan, Executive Director, Financial Management and Accounting Policy
Directorate;

Suzanne Shirreff, Senior Director, Cost Recovery Policy Division.

As Individual:

Roy Cullen, Member of Parliament, Etobicoke North, Lib.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Hon. Maria Minna, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylcia-Leis, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Tony Tirabassi for Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

Witnesses: As individual: Roy Cullen, M.P., Etobicoke North. *From the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:* John Morgan, Executive Director, Financial Management and Accounting Policy Directorate; Suzanne Shirreff, Senior Director, Cost Recovery Policy Division.

1. The Order of Reference dated Thursday, March 27, 2003, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-212, An Act respecting user fees be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

2. Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the proposed policy of the Treasury Board on external charging Policy.

The witnesses made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-212, An Act respecting user fees and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the proposed policy of the Treasury Board on external charging Policy

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

John Connell, Senior Chief, Industry and Knowledge Economy Section, Economic Development Policy Division.

As Individuals:

Jack Mintz, President and Chief Executive Officer, C.D. Howe Institute;

Patrick Nephin, Managing Director, Top Box Consulting Group.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:55 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Tony Tirabassi for Sophia Leung.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

Witnesses: From the Department of Finance: Helen Cutts, Chief, Analysis and Coordination, Industry and Knowledge Economy Section, Economic Development Policy Division; John Connell, Senior Chief, Industry and Knowledge Economy Section, Economic Development Policy Division. *As Individual:* Jack Mintz, President and Chief Executive Officer, C.D. Howe Institute; Patrick Nephin, Managing Director, Top Box Consulting Group.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 27, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-212, An Act respecting user fees and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the proposed policy of the Treasury Board on external charging Policy (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, May 28, 2003, Meeting No. 60*).

Patrick Nephin, Jack Mintz and John Connell made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-212, An Act respecting user fees and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the proposed policy of the Treasury Board on external charging Policy

WITNESSES:

Business Coalition on Cost Recovery:

Shannon Coombs, Vice-President, Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association;

Charles Milne, Vice-President Government Affairs, Crop Life Canada, Business Coalition on Cost Recovery;

Kevin Murray, Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs, MEDEC;

Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters Canada, and Co-Chair;

Robert White, Director of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association of Canada.

Chamber of Maritime Commerce:

Jim Campbell, Vice-President.

As Individuals:

Right Hon. Herb Gray.



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Meeting No. 62

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Bryon Wilfert.

Other member present: Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individual: Right Hon. Herb Gray, P.C., Q.C. *From the Business Coalition on Cost Recovery:* Jayson Myers, Co-Chair, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters Canada; Shannon Doombs, Vice-President, Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association; Robert White, Director of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association; Kevin Murray, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Canada's Medical Device Technology Companies; Charles Milne, Vice-President Government Affairs, Crop Life Canada. *From the Chamber of Maritime Commerce:* Jim Campbell, Vice-President.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 27, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-212, An Act respecting user fees and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the proposed policy of the Treasury Board on external charging Policy (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, May 28, 2003, Meeting No. 60*).

The witnesses made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-212, An Act respecting user fees and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the proposed policy of the Treasury Board on external charging Policy

WITNESSES:

BASF Canada Inc.:

Nevin McDougall, Business Director, Agricultural Products.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch.

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies:

John Stewart, Chair, Board of Directors; Executive Vice-President and General Manager,
Purdue Pharma.

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Claude André Lachance, Director, Government Affairs, Dow Chemical.

Department of Health:

Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch;

Dr. Janet King, Senior Director General, Policy and Strategic Planning Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.



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Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Tony Tirabassi for Gary Pillitteri.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marc-André Pigeon and Blayne Haggart, Analysts.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch; Dr. Janet King, Senior Director General, Policy and Strategic Planning Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

From the Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies: John Stewart, Chair, Board of Directors, Executive Vice-President and General Manager, Purdue Pharma. *From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Bruce Beacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch. *From the Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Claude André Lachance, Director, Government Affairs, Dow Chemical. *From BASF Canada Inc.:* Nevin McDougall, Business Director, Agricultural Products.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 27, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-212, an Act respecting user fees and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the proposed policy of the Treasury Board on external charging Policy (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, May 28, 2003, Meeting No. 60*).

The witnesses made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Thursday, June 12, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-212, An Act respecting user fees

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Leon Richins, Senior Policy Advisor, Cost Recovery Policy Division, Treasury Board
Secretariat;

Suzanne Shirreff, Senior Director, Cost Recovery Policy Division.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 64

Thursday, June 12, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, Hon. Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Karen Redman for Tony Valeri; Tony Tirabassi for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Acting Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart and Marc-André Pigeon, Analysts.

Witnesses: From the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Suzanne Shirreff, Senior Director, Cost Recovery Policy Division; Leon Richins, Senior Policy Advisor, Cost Recovery Policy Division.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, March 27, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-212, an Act respecting user fees (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, May 28, 2003, Meeting No. 60*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

Clause 2 stood.

On Clause 3,

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 6 and 7 on page 2 with the following:

“one department, agency, board, commission or other body of the”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Clause 3, as amended, carried by a show of hands.

On Clause 4,

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 2 with the following:

“tion process to address any reasonable complaint or ”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived by a show of hands.

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 4, be amended

(a) by replacing, in the English version, line 28 on page 2 with the following:

“revenue elements of the user fee.”

(b) by replacing line 32 on page 2 with the following:

“the user fee or change; and

(f) establish standards which are comparable to those established by Canada's major trading partners and against which the performance of the regulating authority can be measured.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 13 and 14 on page 3 with the following:

“higher than that existing in a country that is one of Canada's major trading partners, the Minister must as part of the”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Clause 4, as amended, carried by a show of hands.

On Clause 5,

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 19 and 20 on page 3 with the following:

“5. The Committee may review a proposal for a user fee relating to a service that is regulated by the government and provided only by it and that is referred to the Committee pursuant to subsection”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 5, be amended

(a) by replacing line 23 on page 3 with the following:

“appropriate user fee, subject to the provisions of section 5.1.”

(b) by adding after line 23 on page 3 the following:

“REDUCTION OF USER FEE

5.1 Where the performance of a regulating authority does not meet the standards established by that regulating authority by a percentage greater than ten per cent, the user fee shall be reduced by a percentage equivalent to the unachieved performance, to a maximum of fifty per cent of the user fee.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Clause 5, as amended, carried by a show of hands.

in Clause 6,

by Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 3 with the following:

(2) If, within forty sitting days of receiving a"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

by Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing lines 32 and 33 on page 3 with the following:

Committee is deemed to have approved the proposal."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

by Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 6, be amended by deleting lines 34 to 37 on page 3.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

by Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 6, be amended by adding after line 37 on page 3 the following:

"(4) For the purpose of protecting national defence or national security or in any emergency situation, a user fee can be implemented before the resolution mentioned in subsection (1), whatever the outcome, is adopted. In such a case, the report to the House of Commons provided for in subsection (2) must be presented within one year of the implementation of the user fee."

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn by a show of hands.

Clause 6, as amended, carried by a show of hands.

in Clause 7,

by Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 12 on page 4 with the following:

(1) If a regulating authority amends the definition of persons subject to the application of a particular user fee for the purposes of maintaining fairness or covering additional costs, the Minister must, within forty sitting days of Parliament after their implementation, report these actions to the Committee. "

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

by Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 7, be amended by deleting lines 13 to 17 on page 4.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Clause 7, as amended, carried by a show of hands.

Clause 8 carried by a show of hands.

Clause 9,

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 9, be amended by deleting lines 5 to 8 on page 5.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Clause 9, as amended, carried by a show of hands.

Clause 10 carried by a show of hands.

The Committee reverted to Clause 2, previously stood.

On Clause 2,

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 11 on page 1 with the following:

““Committee” means the appropriate standing committee of the House of Commons.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 11 on page 1 the following:

““direct benefit or advantage” means a benefit to the client paying the user fee with that benefit being either unique to that client or distinct from and greater than benefits that could also accrue to any other person or business as a result of that user fee being paid.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 2, be amended by deleting lines 14 to 16 on page 1.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 1 with the following:

“agency, board, com-”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Roy Cullen moved, -- That Bill C-212, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 1 with the following:

“suant to that authority and which results in a direct benefit or advantage to the person paying the fee.”

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted by a show of hands.

Clause 2, as amended, carried by a show of hands.

Clause 1 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

DERED, -- That Bill C-212, An Act respecting user fees, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House of Commons at Report Stage.

DERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-212 with amendments to the House as the Fifth Report of the Committee.

1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 65

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations 2003

WITNESSES:

Advocis:

Beverly Brooks, Vice-President, Public Affairs;

Terry Zive, Chairperson, Conference for Advanced Life Underwriting.

Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance:

David Paterson, Executive Director.

Canadian Association of Mutual Insurance companies:

John Harper, President, Farm Mutual Reinsurance Plan Inc.;

Normand Lafrenière, President.

Canadian Healthcare Association:

Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Urban Transit Association:

Eric Gillespie, Chair, St. Catharines Transit Commission;

Michael Roschlau, President and Chief Executive Officer.



Computing Technology Industry Association of Canada:

Alan Young, Vice-President.

National Council of Women of Canada:

Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, President.



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Meeting No. 65

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Paul Forseth for Charlie Penson

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Advocis: Beverly Brooks, Vice President, Public Affairs. *Canadian Urban Transit Association:* Eric Gillespie, Chair, St. Catharines Transit Commission. *Canadian Association of Mutual Insurance Companies:* John Harper, President, Farm Mutual Reinsurance Plan Inc.; Normand Lafrenière, President. *National Council of Women of Canada:* Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, President. *Canadian Healthcare Association:* Brian Paddock, Health Policy Analyst. *CATA Alliance:* David E. Paterson, Executive Director. *Canadian Urban Transit Association:* Michael W. Roschlau, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Healthcare Association:* Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Computing Technology Industry Association of Canada:* Alan Young, Vice-President. *National Council of Women of Canada:* Shirley Browne, Vice President. *Advocis:* Terry Zive, Chairperson, Conference for Advanced Life Underwriting. *Canadian Healthcare Association:* Kathie Paddock, Health Policy Specialist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee commenced consideration of pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Alan Young, Michael W. Roschlau, Normand Lafrenière and Sharon Sholzberg-Gray made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Beverly Brooks, David E. Paterson and Catherine Laidlaw-Sly made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/30 3:42 p.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations 2003

WITNESSES:

Canadian Conference of the Arts:

Susan Annis, Executive Director, Cultural Human Resource Council;

Megan Williams, National Director.

Canadian Museums Association:

Jann Bailey, President;

Richard Darroch, Head of Government Relations and Administration;

John McAvity, Executive Director.

Canadian Steel Producers' Association:

Barry Lacombe, President.



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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Rahim Jaffer, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Tony Valeri, Jim Peterson for Gary Pillitteri and Guy St-Julien for Sophia Leung.

Associate Members present: Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Conference of the Arts: Megan Davis Williams, National Director; Susan Annis, Executive Director, Cultural Human Resource Council. *Canadian Steel Producers' Association:* Barry Lacombe, President. *Canadian Museums Association:* Jann L.M. Bailey, President; John G. McAvity, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Barry Lacombe, Jann L. Bailey, Megan Davis Williams made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to its future business

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/28 12:22 p.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations 2003.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Research Libraries:

Paul Wiens, University Librarian, Queen's University;

Timothy Mark, Executive Director.

Canadian Association of University Teachers:

James Turk, Executive Director;

David Robinson, Associate Executive Director.

Canadian Library Association:

Madeleine Lefebvre, President.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:

René Daoust, President;

Mark Goldblatt, Senior Consultant.

International Association of Fire Fighters:

Jim Lee, Assistant to the General President, Canadian Office.

Sport Matters Group:

Timothy Page, Executive Director, Diving Canada;

Victor Lachance, Director, Senior Leader.



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Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Nick Discepola, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri and Lidy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Monte Solberg for Charlie Penson.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Library Association: Don Butcher, Executive Director. *Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:* René Daoust, President; Mark Goldblatt, Senior Consultant. *Sport Matters Group:* Victor Lachance, Director, Senior Leader. *International Association of Fire Fighters:* Jim Lee, Assistant to the General President, Canadian Office. *Canadian Library Association:* Madeleine Lefebvre, President. *Canadian Association of Research Libraries:* Timothy Mark, Executive Director. *Sport Matters Group:* Timothy Page, Executive Director, Diving Canada. *Canadian Association of University Teachers:* David Robinson, Associate Executive Director; James Turk, Executive Director. *Canadian Association of Research Libraries:* Paul Wiens, University Librarian, Queen's University.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee continued its pre-budget consultations. Pursuant to Standing Order 83(2), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Jim Lee, René Daoust, Mark Goldblatt and James Turk made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Timothy Page, Victor Lachance, Paul Wiens and Madeleine Lefebvre made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/30 4:03 p.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 68

Thursday, September 18, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

PANEL 1:

Council for Health Research in Canada:

David Hill, Director;

Dr. John Hylton, Executive Director.

Health Charities Council of Canada:

Gillian MacDonald, Board Member.

Philanthropic Foundations Canada:

Hilary Pearson, President and CEO.

Tourism Industry Association of Canada:

Jennifer Demers, Director, Government Relations;

Randy Williams, President and CEO.

PANEL 2:

Canadian Film and Television Production Association:

Guy Mayson, President and CEO;

Beatrice Raffoul, Vice-President, External Relations.

National Research Council of Canada:

Dr. Arthur Carty, President.



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Meeting No. 68

Thursday, September 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen and Shawn Murphy.

Acting Members présent: Ken Epp for Charlie Penson, Massimo Pacetti for Gary Pillitteri.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Research Council Canada: Arthur J. Carty, President. *Tourism Industry Association of Canada:* Jennifer Demers, Director, Government Relations; Randy M. Williams, President and CEO. *Health Charities Council of Canada:* Elizabeth Gyorfi-Dyke, Director; Gillian MacDonald, Board Member. *Philanthropic Foundations Canada:* Hilary Pearson, President and CEO. *Council for Health Research in Canada:* John Hylton, President and CEO; David Hill, Director. *Canadian Film and Television Production Association:* Guy Mayson, President and CEO; Beatrice Raffoul, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Randy M. Williams, Gillian MacDonald, David Hill and Hilary Pearson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Arthur J. Carty, Guy Mayson made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/08 11:57 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel 1

Business Tax Reform Coalition:

Barry Lacombe, President, Canadian Steel Producers' Association;

David Podruzny, Senior Manager, Business and Economics.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Bob Friesen, President.

Canadian Real Estate Association:

Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer;

David Humphreys, Federal Affairs Advisor;

Gregory Klump, Senior Economist.

National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:

David McGuinty, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Panel II

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies:

Murray Elston, President.

Go for Green:

Steve Grundy, Director of Development;

Sue Holloway, Director of Operations.

Heritage Canada foundation:

Brian P. Anthony, Executive Director.

VenGrowth:

Jay Heller, General Partner.



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Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members présent: Paul Forseth for Charlie Penson.

Associate Members present: Kevin Sorenson.

Other Members present: Bob Speller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Business Tax Reform Coalition: Barry Lacombe, President, Canadian Steel Producers' Association; David F. Podruzny, Senior Manager, Business and Economics. *Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies:* Murray J. Elston, President. *Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Bob Friesen, President; Jennifer Fellows, Farm Policy Analyst. *Canadian Real Estate Association:* Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer; Gregory Klump, Senior Economist; David Humphreys, Federal Affairs Advisor. *Go for Green:* Sue Holloway, Director of Operations; Steve Grundy, Director of Development. *Heritage Canada Foundation:* Brian P. Anthony, Executive Director. *National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:* David J. McGuinty, President and Chief Executive Officer; Carolyn Cahill, Senior Advisor to the President and CEO. *VenGrowth:* Jay Heller, General Partner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Bob Friesen, Barry Lacombe, Pierre Beauchamp and David McGuinty made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Jay Heller, Sue Holloway, Brian P. Anthony and Murray J. Elston made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/08 11:56 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 70

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:

Susan Ziebarth, Executive Director.

Canadian Federation of Students:

Ian Boyko, National Chairperson.

Canadian Union of Public Employees:

Anne McGrath, Executive Assistant to the National President;

Blair Redlin, Director, Research Branch.

Investment Dealers Association of Canada:

Joseph Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer.



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Meeting No. 70

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Rick Casson

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Students: Ian Boyko, National Chairperson. *Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:* Judy Lux, Health Policy Communications Specialist; Susan A. Ziebarth, Executive Director. *Canadian Union of Public Employees:* Anne McGrath, Executive Assistant to the National President; Blair Redlin, Director, Research Branch. *Investment Dealers Association of Canada:* Joseph Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer; Jon Cockerline, Director, Capital Markets.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Susan A. Ziebarth, Ian Boyko, Blair Redlin, Anne McGrath made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/08 11:56 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 71

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I:

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer;

David Podruzny, Senior Project Manager.

North-South Institute:

Roy Culpeper, President.

Sault College:

Timothy Meyer, President.

Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation:

Donald K. Johnson, Director.

Panel II:

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:

Robert South, Government Relations Coordinator.

Canadian Council on Social Development:

John Anderson, Vice-President, Research.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:

Jose Kusugak, President.



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Meeting No. 71

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Council on Social Development: John Anderson, Vice-President, Research; Janet Creery, Communications Officer. *North-South Institute:* Roy Culpeper, President. *Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:* Whit Fraser, Political Advisor; Jose A. Kusugak, President. *Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation:* Donald K. Johnson, Director. *Sault College:* Timothy Meyer, President. *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer; David F. Podruzny, Senior Project Manager. *Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:* Robert South, Government Relations Coordinator; Kim Steele, Policy and Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Richard Paton, Timothy Meyer, Donald K. Johnson and Roy Culpeper made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Jose A. Kusugak, John Anderson and Robert South made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/08 11:56 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 72

Thursday, September 25, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

Televised meeting

WITNESSES:

Panel I:

Association of Canadian Publishers:

Kirk Howard, Vice-President;

Krys Ross, Vice-President and General Manager, McClelland & Stewart Ltd.

Building and Construction Trades Department:

Robert Blakely, Director of Canadian Affairs, American Federation of Labour and Congress
of Industrial Organizations—Canadian Office.

Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:

Paul Ledwell, Executive Director;

Doug Owram, Doctor and President.

Retirement Income Coalition:

Ian Markham;

C.A. Pielsticker, Chair.

Panel II:

Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:

Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Medical Association:

Sunil Patel, Doctor and President;

William Tholl, Secretary General and CEO.

Forest Products Association of Canada:

Paul Lansbergen, Director, Taxation and Business Issues.

Partnership Group for Science and Engineering:

Howard Alper, Chair;

Simon Hanmer, Chair-Designate.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 72

Thursday, September 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:30 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Monte Solberg for Charlie Penson, Larry Bagnell for Nick Discepola.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Building and Construction Trades Department: Robert Blakely, Director of Canadian Affairs. *Association of Canadian Publishers:* Kirk Howard, Vice President. *Forest Products Association of Canada:* Paul Lansbergen, Director, Taxation and Business Issues. *Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:* Paul Ledwell, Executive Director. *Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:* Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:* Doug Owram, President. *Canadian Medical Association:* Sunil Patel, President. *Retirement Income Coalition:* C.A. (Charlie) Pielsticker, Chair; Ian Markham, Actuary, KPMG. *Association of Canadian Publishers:* Krys Ross, Vice-President and General Manager, McClelland and Stewart Ltd.. *Canadian Medical Association:* William Tholl, Secretary General and CEO. *Partnership Group for Science and Engineering:* Simon Hanmer, Research Scientist, Geological Survey of Canada, Continental Geoscience Division; Howard Alper, Vice President, Research, University of Ottawa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Doug Owran, Robert Blakely, Kirk Howard and Charles Pielsticker made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Dr. Simon Hanmer, Paul Lansbergen, Sunil Paten and Marie Lemay made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/08 11:55 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 73

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Pre-budget consultations

Study of the subject-matter of Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (natural resources)

APPEARING:

Byron Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Travel Agencies:

Marc-André Charlebois, President;

Martin Taller, Vice-President, Policy, General Manager, Eastern Canada.

Canadian School Boards Association:

Michelle Mulder, President.

Department of Finance:

James Greene, Tax Policy Officer, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch;

Louise Levonian, Director, Business Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Hotel Association of Canada:

Anthony Pollard, President.

Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:

Jeffrey Dale, President and CEO.

Tax Executives Institute, Inc.:

Monika Siegmund, Chair, Canadian Income Tax Committee;

Mario Tombari, Vice-President, Canadian Affairs.



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Meeting No. 73

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Clerk of the Committee, Richard Dupuis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Albina Guarnieri, Richard Harris, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Monte Solberg, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: David Price for Sophia Leung, James Rajotte for Richard Harris, Peter Stoffer for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Lynne Yelich for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Marc-Olivier Girard, Committee Clerk.

Appearing: Bryon Wilfert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Hotel Association of Canada: Anthony P. Pollard, President. *Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:* Jeffrey Dale, President & CEO; Mike Darch, Special Adviser to the President, Ottawa Economic Development - Division of OCRI. *Association of Canadian Travel Agencies:* Marc-André Charlebois, President; Martin Taller, Vice President, Policy - General Manager Eastern Canada. *Tax Executives Institute, Inc.:* Monika Siegmund, Chair; Mario Tombari, Vice President. *Canadian School Boards Association:* Michelle Mulder, President; Marie Pierce, Executive Director. *Department of Finance:* Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief; James R. Greene; Louise Levonian, Director, Business Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Shawn Murphy, it was agreed, --That Sue Barnes be elected Chair of this Committee.

On motion of Gary Pillitteri, it was agreed, --That Nick Discepolo be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Rick Casson, it was agreed, --That Monte Solberg be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Sue Barnes, duly elected Chair of the Committee, took the Chair.

At 3:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Marc-André Charlebois, Anthony P. Pollard, Jeffrey Dale, Mario Tombari and Michelle Mulder made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee commenced consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (natural resources).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Bryon Wilfert, made a statement.

At 5:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:01 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 30, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (natural resources).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Bryon Wilfert with Louise Levonian and James R. Greene, answered questions.

At 6:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/15 3:24 p.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 74

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

Televised meeting

WITNESSES:

Panel I:

Association of Fundraising Professionals:

Tad Brown, Chair, Government Relation Committee.

Canadian Dental Association:

Louis Dubé, Doctor and President.

Canadian Electricity Association:

Hans Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:

Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist.

Chamber of Maritime Commerce:

Jim Campbell, Vice-President and General Manager.

Panel II:

Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations:

Joe De Mora, President.

Canadian Federation for Promoting Family Values:

Michael Gorman, President.

Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:

Mark Nantais, President.

T-Base Communications Inc.:

Sharlyn Ayotte, Chair.

Teamsters Canada:

Phil Benson, Lobbyist.



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Meeting No. 74

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri and Tony Valeri.

Acting Members present: David Chatters for Richard Harris.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: T-Base Communications Inc.: Sharlyn Ayotte, Chair. *Chamber of Maritime Commerce:* Raymond W. Johnston, President; Jim Campbell, Vice-President / General Manager. *Canadian Electricity Association:* Hans R. Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer; Roy G. Staveley, Senior Vice-President, Public Affairs & Environment; Eli Turk, Vice President, Government Relations. *Association of Fundraising Professionals:* Tad Brown, Chair, Government Relation Committee. *Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:* Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President & Chief Economist. *Canadian Dental Association:* Louis Dubé, President; Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations. *Canadian Federation for Promoting Family Values:* Michael Gorman, President. *Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations:* Joe De Mora, President; Glen Brimacombe, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:* Mark Nantais, President. *Teamsters Canada:* François Laporte, Director, Government Affairs; Phil Benson, Lobbyist; Robert Bouvier, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Raymond W. Johnson, Hans R. Konow, Tad Brown, Jason Myers and Louis Dubé made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:54 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:56 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Michael Gorman, Joe De Mora, Sharlyn Ayotte, Mark Nantais and Phil Benson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/03 3:38 p.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 75

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (natural resources)

WITNESSES:

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:

Clyde Graham, Vice-President, Strategy and Alliances.

"L'essence à juste prix":

Frédéric Quintal, Spokesperson.

Mining Association of Canada:

Pierre Gratton, Vice-President, Public Affairs and Communication;

Nick Nikolakakis, Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer;

Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Mark Ruus, Manager, International Taxation.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 75

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 7:25 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the [chair role], Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard and Tony Valeri.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Sophia Leung, David Chatters for Richard Harris, Lawrence MacAulay for Albina Guarnieri, John Maloney for Gary Pillitteri and Alan Tonks for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Fertilizer Institute: Clyde Graham, Vice President, Strategy and Alliances. *Mining Association of Canada:* Pierre Gratton, Vice-President, Public Affairs and Communication; Nick Nikolakakis, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer; Mark Ruus, Manager, International Taxation. *L'essence à juste prix:* Frédéric Quintal, Spokesperson.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 30, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (natural resources).

Gordon Peeling, Frédéric Quintal and Clyde Graham made a statement and, with Pierre Gratton, answered questions.

At 8:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/03 3:41 p.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 76

Thursday, October 2, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

Televised meeting

WITNESSES:

Panel I:

Canadian Diabetes Association:

Michael Howlett, President and CEO;

Donna Lillie, Vice-President, Research and Professional Education.

Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:

Gordon McBean, Chair, Board of Trustees.

Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:

Christina Mills, Steering Committee Member.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:

Carolyn Brooks, Chair;

Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer.

Panel II:

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Alan Bernstein, Doctor and President.

Credit Union Central of Canada:

Joanne De Laurentiis, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Jack Smit, Chairperson, Board of Directors.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada:

Ron Forbes, President.



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Meeting No. 76

Thursday, October 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:29 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Alan Bernstein, President. *Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:* Maryann Bird, Executive Director. *Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:* Carolyn Brooks, Chair; Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:* Dawn Conway, Executive Director. *Credit Union Central of Canada:* Joanne De Laurentiis, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada:* Ron Forbes, President. *Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:* Bonnie Hostrawser, Executive Director. *Canadian Diabetes Association:* Michael Howlett, President & CEO; Donna Lillie, Vice President, Research and Professional Education. *Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:* Gordon McBean, Chair, Board of Trustees. *Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:* Christina Mills, Steering Committee Member. *Credit Union Central of Canada:* Jack Smit, Chairperson, Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Carolyn Brooks, Christina Mills, Michael Howlett, Gordon McBean and Donna Lillie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:03 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Alan Bernstein, Ron Forbes and Jack Smit made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Marc-Olivier Girard
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/15 3:49 p.m.

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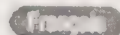
Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 77

Thursday, October 2, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (natural resources)



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Meeting No. 77

Thursday, October 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 12:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Sophia Leung, David Chatters for Richard Harris and Paul Steckle for Albina Guarnieri.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 30, 2003, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (natural resources).

It was agreed, — That Clause 1 be allowed to stand.

It was agreed, — That Clause 2 be allowed to stand.

Clauses 3 to 13 inclusive carried severally.

It was agreed, — That Clause 14 be allowed to stand.

Clauses 15 to 18 inclusive carried severally.

It was agreed, — That the Committee revert to the consideration of Clause 14 previously stood.

Roy Cullen moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 10 to 12 on page 22 with the following:

“(i) in 2003, 10%,

(ii) in 2004, 14%, and

(iii) after 2004, 20%;”

Pierre Paquette moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 10 to 12 on page 22 with the following:

“(i) in 2003, 10%

(ii) in 2004, 14%, and

(iii) after 2004, 20%;”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Roy Cullen and it was negatived on the following recorded division:
YEAS: David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Pierre Paquette — 3; NAYS: Larry Bagnell, Nick Discepola, Maria Minna, Sha Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Paul Steckle, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert — 8.

It was agreed, — That the Committee revert to the consideration of Clause 1 previously stood.

Pierre Paquette moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended(a) by replacing line 28 on page 3 with the following:

“(**b**) that proportion of 100% that the”

(b) by replacing line 32 on page 3 with the following:

“(**c**) that proportion of 100% that the”

(c) by replacing line 36 on page 3 with the following:

“(**d**) that proportion of 100% that the”

(d) by replacing line 40 on page 3 with the following:

“(**e**) that proportion of 100% that the”

(e) by replacing line 10 on page 6 with the following:

“(**b**) that proportion of 25% that the”

(f) by replacing line 14 on page 6 with the following:

“(**c**) that proportion of 25% that the”

(g) by replacing line 18 on page 6 with the following:

“(**d**) that proportion of 25% that the”

(h) by replacing line 22 on page 6 with the following:

“(**e**) that proportion of 25% that the”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pierre Paquette and it was negatived on the following recorded division:
YEAS: Pierre Paquette — 1; NAYS: Larry Bagnell, David Chatters, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Maria Minna, Sha Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Paul Steckle, Tony Valeri, Bryon Wilfert — 10.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the result of the vote on the previous amendment be applied to the following amendment which is therefore also negatived:

That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended(a) by replacing line 21 on page 9 with the following:

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“(b) that proportion of 100% that the”

b) by replacing line 25 on page 9 with the following:

“(c) that proportion of 100% that the”

c) by replacing line 29 on page 9 with the following:

“(d) that proportion of 100% that the”

d) by replacing line 33 on page 9 with the following:

“(e) that proportion of 100% that the”

Clause 1 carried on division.

Clause 2 carried.

The Title carried on division.

The Bill carried on division.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/07 12:36 p.m.

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Meeting No. 78

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I:

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Bruce Campbell, Executive Director;

Ellen Russell, Senior Research Economist.

Canadian Co-operative Association:

Jean-Yves Lord, Executive Director;

Glen Tully, President.

Insurance Bureau of Canada:

Suzanne Sabourin, Executive Director, Government Relations;

Jane Voll, Acting Vice-President, Policy and Development, Chief Economist.

National Children's Alliance:

Dianne Bascombe, Director, National Children's Alliance and Social Policy Issues;

Margaret Fietz, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Salvation Army:

Mildred Jarvis, Long Term Care Consultant;

Danielle Shaw-Buchholz, Government Relations Director.

Panel II:

Alliance to End Homelessness:

Maura Volante, Coordinator.

Association of Canadian Airport Duty-Free Operators:

André Bergeron, Executive Director.

“Coalition pour le renouvellement des infrastructures du Québec”:

Gilles Vaillancourt, Mayor of Laval; President.

National Task Force to Promote Employer-Provided Tax-Exempt Transit Benefits:

Donna-Lynn Ahee, Secretary-Treasurer, Amalgamated Transit Union Canadian Council;

Amelia Shaw, Manager of Public Affairs, Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA).

“Société de transport de l'Outaouais”:

Lawrence Cannon, General Manager;

Georges O. Gratton, Director.



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Meeting No. 78

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepolo, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylcyia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal.

Witnesses: *Salvation Army:* Danielle Shaw-Buchholz, Government, Relations Director; Mildred Jarvis, Long Term Care Consultant. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Ellen Russell, Senior Research Economist; Bruce Campbell, Executive Director. *National Children's Alliance:* Margaret Fietz, President and Chief Executive Officer; Dianne Bascombe, Director, National Children's Alliance and Social Policy Issues. *Insurance Bureau of Canada:* Suzanne Sabourin, Executive Director, Government Relations; Jane Voll, Acting Vice President, Policy and Development and Chief Economist. *Canadian Co-operative Association:* Glen Tully, President; Jean-Yves Lord, Executive Director. *Alliance to End Homelessness:* Maura Volante, Coordinator. *Société de transport de l'Outaouais:* Lawrence Cannon, General Manager; Georges O. Gratton, Director. *Coalition pour le renouvellement des infrastructures du Québec:* Gilles Vaillancourt, Mayor of Laval and President of "Coalition pour le renouvellement des infrastructures du Québec"; Marc Couture, President, comité technique. *Canadian Airport Duty Free Operators Association:* André Bergeron, Executive Director. *National Task Force to Promote Employer-Provided Tax-Exempt Transit Benefits:* Amelia Shaw, Manager of Public Affairs, Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA); Donna-Lynn Ahee, Secretary-Treasurer, Amalgamated Transit Union Canadian Council.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Danielle Shaw-Buchholz, Mildred Jarvis, Ellen Russell, Margaret Fietz, Diane Bascombe, Suzanne Sabourin, Glen Tully and Jean-Yves Lord made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Lawrence Cannon made a statement.

At 11:17 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Maura Volante, Gilles Vaillancourt, André Bergeron and Donna-Lynn Ahee made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/15 9:01 a.m.

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Meeting No. 79

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Alliance of Canadian Cinema Television and Radio Artists:

Thor Bishopric, President;

Rick Mercer;

Sonja Smits.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

Yves Ducharme, President;

James Knight, Chief Executive Officer.

Ottawa Child Care Action Network:

Shellie Bird, Member;

Diane O'Neill, Vice-President.

Panel II

Canadian Centre for Philanthropy:

Peter Broder, Legal Counsel & Policy Analyst.

Canadian Vintners Association:

William C. Ross, President.

Community Foundations of Canada:

Monica Patten, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Cam Dahl, Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 79

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Nick Discepola, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Judy Wasylcia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Christiane Gagnon for Pauline Picard.

Other Members present: Peter Adams and Svend Robinson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Yves Ducharme, President; James Knight, Chief Executive Officer. *Ottawa Child Care Association:* Diane O'Neill, Vice President. *Ottawa Child Care Action Network:* Shellie Bird, Member. *Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists:* Thor Bishopric, President; Rick Mercer; Sonja Smits. *Grain Growers of Canada:* Cam Dahl, Executive Director. *Community Foundations of Canada:* Monica Patten, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Centre for Philanthropy:* Peter Broder, Legal Counsel & Policy Analyst. *Canadian Vintners Association:* William C. Ross, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Yves Ducharme, Diane O'Neill, Shellie Bird, Thor Bishopric, Rick Mercer and Sonja Smits made a statement and, with James Knight, answered questions.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:53 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Cam Dahl, Monica Patten, Peter Broder and William C. Ross made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/15 10:21 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 80

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:

Robert Best, Vice-President, National Affairs Branch;

Robert J. Giroux, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canada Foundation for Innovation:

David Strangway, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Association for Graduate Studies:

Martha Crago, President.

Canadian Association of Broadcasters:

Glenn O'Farrell, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Consortium for Research:

Paul Ledwell, Chairperson.

Canadian Magazine Publishers Association:

Tom Hopkins, Chair, Public Affairs Committee;

Mark Jamison, President.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

Fran Cutler, National Chair;

Cathy Moore, Director of Consumer and Government Relations.

Green Budget Coalition:

Julie Gelfand, Chair.

Investment Funds Institute of Canada:

John Mountain, Vice-President.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:

Thomas Brzustowski, President;

Joanne Kelseman, Vice-President of Council, Vice-President, Research, University of
Manitoba.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 80

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri, Tony Valeri and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Christiane Gagnon for Pierre Paquette, Brian Masse for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Chuck Strahl for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada: Thomas A. Brzustowski, President; Joanne Kelseman, Vice President of Council, Vice President, Research, University of Manitoba. *Canada Foundation for Innovation:* David W. Strangway, President and Chief Executive Officer; Carmen Charette, Senior Vice-President. *Investment Funds Institute of Canada:* John Mountain, Vice-President. *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:* Robert J. Giroux, President and Chief Executive Officer; Robert Best, Vice President, National Affairs Branch. *Canadian Magazine Publishers Association:* Mark Jamison, President; Tom Hopkins, Chair, Public Affairs Committee. *Green Budget Coalition:* Julie Gelfand, Chair. *Canadian Consortium for Research:* Paul Ledwell, Chairperson; Paul Jones, Member. *Canadian Association for Graduate Studies:* Martha Crago, President; Jean-Pierre Gaboury, Executive Director. *Canadian National Institute for the Blind:* Cathy Moore, Director of Consumer and Government Relations; Fran Cutler, National Chair. *Canadian Association of Broadcasters:* Glenn O'Farrell, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Thomas A. Brzustowski, Joanne Kelseman, David W. Strangway, John Mountain, Robert J. Giroux and Tom Hopkins made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Julie Gelfand, Paul Ledwell, Marta Crago, Cathy Moore, Fran Cutler and Glen O'Farrell made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/17 9:41 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 81

Thursday, October 9, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Michael Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Policy.

Canadian Printing Industries Association:

Pierre Boucher, President;

Jeff Ekstein, Chairman, Government Affairs Committee.

Canadian Professional Sales Association:

Terry Ruffel, President.

Canadian Trucking Alliance:

Stephen Laskowski, Associate Vice-President.

Precarn Incorporated:

Jim Roche, President and CEO, Tundra Semiconductor Corporation and member and Past Chair of the Board of Directors of Precarn and a Member of the Board of the CMC.

Panel II

Brewers Association of Canada:

Margo Dewar, Vice-President, Economic & Policy Programs.

Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:

Sharon Chisholm, Executive Director;

Joyce Potter, Vice-President.

Canadian Public Health Association:

Christina Mills, President.

Railway Association of Canada:

Bruce Burrows, Vice-President, Public Affairs, Government Relations;

John Lynch, Chair, Railway Association of Canada Taxation Committee.

Sierra Club of Canada:

David Martin, Policy Consultant, Nuclear Campaign.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 81

Thursday, October 9, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Nick Discepola, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Gary Pillitteri and Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Precarn Incorporated: Jim Roche, President and CEO, Tundra Semiconductor Corporation and member and Past Chair of the Board of Directors of Precarn and a Member of the Board of the CMC; Walter Stewart, Director, Business Development for Silicon Graphics Canada and Chair of the Board of CANARIE Inc.. *Canadian Trucking Alliance:* Stephen Laskowski, Associate Vice President. *Canadian Chamber of Commerce:* Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer; Michael N. Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Policy. *Canadian Professional Sales Association:* Terry Ruffel, President. *Canadian Printing Industries Association:* Pierre Boucher, President; Jeff Ekstein, Chairman of CPIA'S Government Affairs Committee. *Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:* Joyce Potter, Vice President; Sharon Chisholm, Executive Director. *Brewers Association of Canada:* Margo Dewar, Vice President, Economic & Policy Programs; Gordon Lafortune, Senior Consultant, Grey, Clark, Shih and Associates, Limited. *Railway Association of Canada:* John Lynch, Chair, Railway Association of Canada Taxation Committee, Canadian Pacific Railway; Bruce Burrows, Vice President, Public Affairs, Government Relations. *Canadian Public Health Association:* Christina Mills, President. *Sierra Club of Canada:* David H. Martin, Policy Consultant, Nuclear Campaign.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Jim Roche, Walter Stewart, Stephen Laskowski, Nancy Hughes Anthony, Terry Ruffel, Jeff Ekstein and Pierre Boucher made a statement and, with Michael Murphy, answered questions.

At 11:09, the sitting was suspended.

At 11:12, the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Joyce Potter, Margo Dewar, Bruce Burrows, John Lynch, Christina Mills and David Martin made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/17 9:42 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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on

FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 82

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada:

Claude Paul Boivin, President;

Garry Bolton, Chairman.

Canadian Construction Association:

Michael Atkinson, President;

Tom Brown, Chairman of the Board.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

Catherine Swift, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Garth Whyte, Executive Vice-President, National Affairs.

Information Technology Association of Canada:

Bill Bergen, President and CEO;

Adam Chowanec, Chair, Board of Directors.

Voluntary Sector Forum:

Jean Christie, Executive director.

Panel II

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:

Sam Boutziouvous, Vice-President, Policy and Senior Economic Advisor;

David Stewart-Patterson, Senior Vice-President, Policy and Communications.

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.:

Greg Traversy, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer.

Canadian Teachers' Federation:

John Staple, Director, Economic Services;

Harvey Weiner, Deputy Secretary General.

Certified General Accountants' Association of Canada:

Everett Colby, Chair, Taxation Policy Committee.

United Steelworkers of America:

Dennis Deveau, Government Liaison, Legislative Department.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 82

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:42 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Independent Business: Catherine Swift, President and Chief Executive Officer; Garth Whyte, Executive Vice-President, National Affairs. *Voluntary Sector Forum:* Jean Christie, Executive director; Laurie Rektor, Manager, National Issues. *Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada:* Garry Bolton, Chairman; Claude Paul Boivin, President. *Information Technology Association of Canada:* Bill Bergen, President and CEO; Adam Chowaniec, Chair, Board of Directors. *Canadian Construction Association:* Michael Atkinson, President; Tom Brown, Chairman of the Board. *United Steelworkers of America:* Dennis Deveau, Government Liaison, Legislative Department; Lawrence McBrearty, National Director. *Canadian Council of Chief Executives:* David Stewart-Patterson, Senior Vice-President, Policy and Communications; Sam T. Boutziouvous, Vice-President, Policy and Senior Economic Advisor. *Certified General Accountants' Association of Canada:* Everett E. Colby, Chair, Taxation Policy Committee; Carole Presseault, Director, Government Relations. *Canadian Teachers' Federation:* Harvey Weiner, Deputy Secretary General; John Staple, Director, Economic Services. *Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.:* Greg Traversy, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer; James Witol, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Catherine Swift, Jean Christie, Garry Bolton, Claude Paul Boivin, Bill Bergen, Adam Chowaniec, Michael Atkinson and Tom Brown made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:13 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Dennis Deveau, David Stewart-Patterson, Everett E. Colby, Harvey Weiner, John Staple and Greg Traversy made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/22 9:19 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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Standing Committee
on

FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 83

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council for International Co-operation:

Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Wind Energy Association:

Robert Hornung, President.

Conference of Defence Associations:

Lieutenant-General (Retired) Richard Evraire, Chairman.

Insurance Brokers Association of Canada:

Francesca Iacurto, Director, Public Affairs;

Brian Gilbert, Chair of the Board.

Mining Association of Canada:

Dan Paszkowski, Vice-President, Economic Affairs;

Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Panel II

Bell Canada:

Barry Pickford, Senior Vice-President, Tax.

Canadian Coalition for Health Freedom:

Peter Helgason, President;

Trueman Tuck, Secretary Treasurer.

Canadian Paediatric Society:

Marie-Adèle Davis, Executive Director;

C. Robin Walker, Doctor; President-Elect.

COM DEV International:

John Keating, Chief Executive Officer.

MacDonald Dettwiller & Associates Inc.:

Dave Caddey, President, Space Missions Group.

Telesat Canada:

Paul Bush, Vice-President, Corporate Development.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 83

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Rick Casson and Gurbax Malhi for Gary Pillitteri

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference of Defence Associations: Richard J. Evraire, Chairman; Howard Marsh, Consultant, Technology, Strategy and Military Affairs Research. *Insurance Brokers Association of Canada:* Francesca Iacurto, Director, Public Affairs; Brian Gilbert, Chair of the Board. *Mining Association of Canada:* Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer; Dan Paszkowski, Vice-President, Economic Affairs. *Canadian Council for International Co-operation:* Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Wind Energy Association:* Robert Hornung, President. *Bell Canada:* Barry W. Pickford, Senior Vice President, Tax. *CEOs Canada Space Industry:* Dave Caddey, President, Space Missions Group; John Keating, Chief Executive Officer, COM DEV International; Gerald Bush, Special Assistant to the CEO, EMS Technologies; Paul D. Bush, Telesat Canada. *Canadian Paediatric Society:* Marie-Adèle Davis, Executive Director; C. Robin Walker, President Elect. *Canadian Coalition for Health Freedom:* Peter Helgason, President; Trueman Tuck, Secretary Treasurer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Richard J. Evraire, Francesca Iacurto, Brian Gilbert, Gordon Peeling, Gerry Barr and Robert Hornung made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Barry W. Pickford, Dave Caddey, C. Robin Walker, Peter Helgason and Trueman Tuck made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/31 12:09 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 84

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Bank of Canada's Monetary Policy Report

WITNESSES:

Bank of Canada:

David Dodge, Governor;

Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 84

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard, Monte Solberg, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylcia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Yvon Charbonneau for Nick Discepola, Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Roy Cullen, Walt Lastewka for Gary Pillitteri, Dominic LeBlanc for Maria Minna, Gilbert Normand for Albina Guarnieri and David Pratt for Sophia Leung.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Bank of Canada: David A. Dodge, Governor; Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the Bank of Canada's Monetary Policy Report.

David Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

At 4:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Monte Solberg asked a question on the problems at the Virginia Fontaine Centre when David Dodge was Deputy Minister in the Department of Health.

The Chair ruled the question out of order.

Whereupon, Judy Wasylcia-Leis appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 5.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 5.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 3:13 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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on

FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 85

Thursday, October 23, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Community Colleges:

Gerald Brown, President.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Kenneth Georgetti, President;

Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist, Social and Economic Policy.

Cement Association of Canada:

François Lacroix, President.

National Council of Welfare:

John Murphy, Chair;

David Welch, Member.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada:

Marc Renaud, President.

Panel II

Action Canada for Population and Development:

Johanne Fillion, Director of Communications;

Katherine McDonald, Executive Director.

Assembly of First Nations:

Chief Phil Fontaine, National Chief.

Canadian Home Builders' Association:

Mary Lawson, Incoming President;

Jim Thomson, President;

Joe Valela, Chair of CHBA Executive Board and President of the Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association.

Canadian Taxpayers' Federation:

Walter Robinson, Federal Director.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 85

Thursday, October 23, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:32 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Monte Solberg, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Cement Association of Canada: François R. Lacroix, President; Patricia Devine, Director, Public Affairs. *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada:* Marc Renaud, President. *Association of Canadian Community Colleges:* Gerald Brown, President. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Kenneth V. Georgetti, President; Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist, Social and Economic Policy. *National Council of Welfare:* John Murphy, Chair, Canning, Nova Scotia; David Welch, Member; Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Socio-Economic Concerns Coordinator, Citizens for Public Justice. *Action Canada for Population and Development:* Katherine McDonald, Executive Director; Johanne Fillion, Director, Communications. *Canadian Taxpayers' Federation:* Walter Robinson, Federal Director; Bruce Winchester, Research Director. *Canadian Home Builders' Association:* Jim Thomson, President; Mary Lawson, Incoming President; Joe Valela, Chair of CHBA Executive Board and President of the Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association. *Assembly of First Nations:* Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Clarence (Manny) Jules, Chief of Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: François R. Lacroix, Marc Renaud, Gerald Brown, Kenneth V. Georgetti and John Murphy made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of pre-budget consultations. Questioning of the witnesses resumed.

At 11:17 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:21 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel I: Katherine MacDonald, Johanne Fillion, Walter Robinson, Jim Thomson and Phil Fontaine made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/29 4:01 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 86

Monday, October 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

British Columbia Health Coalition:

Caryn Duncan, Steering Committee Member, Administrator of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective.

British Columbia Real Estate Association:

David Herman, President.

Business Council of British Columbia:

Jock Finlayson, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Association of Gift Planners:

Janice Loomer Margolis, Chair, Communication and Government Relations Committee.

Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres:

Lee Lakeman, Regional Representative for B.C. & Yukon.

Dalhousie University:

David Zitner, Doctor; Director, Medical Informatics, Faculty of Medicine.

Indian Taxation Advisory Board:

David Paul, Chief, Board Member.

International Centre to Combat Exploitation of Children:

Cherry Kingsley, Special Advisor.

MacKillop Centre for Social Justice:

Mary Boyd, Chair, P.E.I. Health Coalition; Director.

Tenants Rights Action Coalition:

Tom Durning, Community Legal Worker;

Linda Mix, Coordinator.

The Fraser Institute:

Herbert Grubel, Senior Fellow, David Somerville Chair in Fiscal Studies, Professor Emeritus of Simon Fraser University;

Niels Veldhuis, Senior Fiscal Studies Research Economist.

University of British Columbia:

Allan Tupper, Associate Vice-President, Government Relations.

University Presidents' Council of B.C.:

Don Avison, President;

Michael Stevenson, President, Simon Fraser University.

Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter:

Alice Lee, Collective Member.

West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund:

Alison Brewin, Program Director;

Janna Cumming, Volunteer.

As Individual:

Katherine Gee;

Margot Young, Associate Professor of Law, University of British Columbia.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 86

Monday, October 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:32 a.m. this day, in the Harbourside Ballroom 1, Renaissance Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund: Janna Cumming, Lawyer - West Coast LEAF Volunteer. *The Fraser Institute:* Herbert Grubel, Senior Fellow, David Somerville Chair in Fiscal Studies, Professor Emeritus of Simon Fraser University; Niels Veldhuis, Senior Fiscal Studies Research Economist. *University Presidents' Council of B.C.:* Don J. Avison, President; Michael Stevenson, President, Simon Fraser University. *Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter:* Alice Lee, Collective Member. *International Centre to Combat Exploitation of Children:* Cherry Kingsley, Special Advisor. *Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres:* Lee Lakeman, Regional Representative for B.C. & Yukon. *University of British Columbia:* Allan Tupper, Associate Vice-President, Government Relations. *Canadian Association of Gift Planners:* Janice Loomer Margolis, Chair, Communication and Government Relations Committee. *As Individual:* Margot Young, Associate Professor of Law, University of British Columbia; Katherine Gee. *Tenants Rights Action Coalition:* Tom Durning, Community Legal Worker; Linda Mix, Coordinator. *Business Council of British Columbia:* Jock Finlayson, Executive Vice President. *British Columbia Real Estate Association:* David Herman, President; Steve Olmstead, Manager, Government Relations. *British Columbia Health Coalition:* Terrie Hendrickson, Coordinator; Caryn Duncan, Steering Committee Member, Administrator of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective. *Indian Taxation Advisory Board:* David Paul, Board Member; Ken Scopick, Director of Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Janna Cumming, Alison Brewin, Herbert Grubel, Don J. Avison, Alice Lee and Cherry Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 09:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Lee Lakeman, Allan Tupper, Janice Loomer Margolis, Margot Young and Katherine Gee made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:28 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:32 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III: Linda Mix, Jock Finlayson, David Herman, Caryn Duncan and David Paul made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/18 9:24 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 87

Monday, October 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

British Columbia Child Care Advocacy Forum:

Rita Chudnovsky, Facilitator;

Sheila Davidson, Director of Simon Fraser University Child Care Society.

British Columbia Persons With AIDS Society:

Glen Bradford, Chair of the Board of Directors;

Ross Harvey, Executive Director.

British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre:

Jess Hadley, Articled Student;

Robin Loxton, Director of Advocacy Access, BC Coalition for People with Disabilities.

Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia:

Diane Tannahill, President.

Paramedic Association of Canada:

Ernie Mothus, Board Member.

Panel II

Canadian Coalition of HIV/AIDS Stakeholder Organizations:

James Boothroyd, Programme Head, Communications, National Centre, Canadian HIV Trials Network.

Canadian Federation of Students:

Michael Conlon, National Researcher.

Greater Vancouver Gateway Council:

Brad Eshleman, Vice-Chair and President of the B.C. Wharf Operators Association;

Bob Wilds, Managing Director.

Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia:

Michael Goldberg, Research Director;

Daniel Hill, President.

University Colleges of British Columbia Consortium:

Robert Buchan, Executive Director;

Skip Triplett, President of the Kwantlen University College.

PANEL III

BC CEDAW Group:

Christina Davidson, Member, Mosaic BC;

Bev Meslo, Member, National Action Committee on the Status of Women – BC Regional Society.

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:

Shelagh Day, Steering Committee Member; Director, Poverty and Human Rights Projects.

Community Based Full Employment:

Michael Kreeft;

Peter Robinson.

PIVOT Legal Society:

Kat Kinch, Legal Researcher.

Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre:

John Nightingale, President.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 87

Monday, October 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:02 p.m. this day, in the Harbourside Ballroom 1, Renaissance Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia: Diane Tannahill, President; Chelsea Miller, Coordinator. *British Columbia Persons With AIDS Society:* Glen Bradford, Chair of the Board of Directors; Ross Harvey, Executive Director. *British Columbia Child Care Advocacy Forum:* Sheila Davidson, Director of Simon Fraser University Child Care Society; Rita Chudnovsky, Facilitator. *British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre:* Jess Hadley, Articled Student; Robin Loxton, Director of Advocacy Access, BC Coalition for People with Disabilities. *Paramedic Association of Canada:* Ernie Mothus, Board Member. *Canadian Federation of Students:* Michael Conlon, National Researcher; Nammi Poorooshab, Research Coordinator. *Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia:* Daniel Hill, President; Michael Goldberg, Research Director. *University Colleges of British Columbia Consortium:* Skip Triplett, President of the Kwantlen University College; Robert E. Buchan, Executive Director. *Greater Vancouver Gateway Council:* Bob Wilds, Managing Director; Brad Eshleman, Vice Chair and President of the B.C. Wharf Operators Association. *Canadian Coalition of HIV/AIDS Stakeholder Organizations:* James Boothroyd, Programme Head, Communications, National Centre, Canadian HIV Trial Network. *PIVOT Legal Society:* Kat Kinch, Legal Researcher. *Community Based Full Employment:* Peter Robinson; Michael Kreeft. *Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre:* John Nightingale, President. *BC CEDAW Group:* Christina Davidson, Member of Mosaic BC ; Bev Meslo, Member, National Action Committee on the Status of Women - BC Regional Society. *Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:* Shelagh Day, Steering Committee member and Director of the Poverty and Human Rights Projects.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Diane Tannahill, Glen Bradford, Sheila Davidson, Rita Chudnovsky, Jess Hadley and Ernie Mothus made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Michael Conlon, Michael Goldberg, Daniel Hill, Robert E. Buchan, Bob Wilds and James Boothroyd made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:56 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III: Kat Kinch, Peter Robinson, John Nightingale, Christina Davidson and Shelagh Day made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 6:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/31 9:03 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 88

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:

Donald Fisher, Vice-President, Research Dissemination.

David Suzuki Foundation:

Jim Fulton, Executive Director.

Fuel Cells Canada:

Ronald W. Britton, President and CEO.

As Individuals:

Thomas Calvert, Professor and Acting Director of Information Technology Program, Simon Fraser University;

Alain Deschenes, Graduate Student, School of Interactive Arts and Technology - Simon Fraser University.

Panel II

Association of Canadian Polytechnic Institutes:

Jim Reichert, Vice-President, Research and International;

John Watson, Executive Director.

City of Vancouver:

Anne Roberts, Councillor;

Carol Ann Young, Coordinator, Child Development.

Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia:

Rick Coe, Professor; President.

Vancouver Board of Trade:

Rick Mahler, Director;

Janette Pantry, Vice-Chair.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 88

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in the Harbourside Ballroom 1, Renaissance Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung and Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: *David Suzuki Foundation:* Jim Fulton, Executive Director. *Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences:* Donald Fisher, Vice-President, Research Dissemination. *Fuel Cells Canada:* Ronald W. Britton, President and CEO; Christopher T. Curtis, Vice President. *As Individual:* Thomas Calvert, Professor and Acting Director of Information Technology Program, Simon Fraser University; Alain Deschenes, Graduate Student, School of Interactive Arts and Technology - Simon Fraser University. *Vancouver Board of Trade:* Janette Pantry, Vice-Chair; Rick Mahler, Director. *Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC:* Susan Harney, Chairperson; Sharon Gregson, Board Member. *Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia:* Rick Coe, President. *City of Vancouver:* Anne Roberts, Councillor; Carol Ann Young, Coordinator, Child Development. *Association of Canadian Polytechnic Institutes:* Jim Reichert, Vice President, Research and International; John Watson, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Jim Fulton, Donald Fisher, Ronald W. Britton, Thomas Calvert and Alain Deschenes made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:24 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:32 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Rick Mahler, Janette Pantry, Rick Coe, Ann Roberts, Carol Ann Young and John Watson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/10/31 9:04 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 89

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Nurses Association:

Rob Calnan, President.

Houston Friendship Centre Society:

Paul Lacerte, Executive Director, B.C. Aboriginal Association of Friendship Centres;

Penny Perlotto, Executive Director.

Translink:

Patricia Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer.

Women Warriors of Sahtu:

Barbara Brown, Director, Community Development Associates;

Chief Cece McCauley, Honorary Chief.

Panel II

Association of Yukon Communities:

Glen Everitt, President; Mayor of Dawson and Chair of the Northern Forum of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Focus on the Family Canada:

Derek Rogusky, Vice-President, Family policy.

Grassroots Women:

Rachel Rosen, Coordinator.

National Anti-Poverty Organization:

Jacquie Ackerly, Secretary Treasurer;

Robert Arnold, President, National Anti-Poverty Organization.

Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network:

Ted Kuntz, President;

Jack Styan, Director of Social Policy.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 89

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:05 p.m. this day, in the Harbourside Ballroom 1, Renaissance Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung and Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Translink: Patricia Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer. *Houston Friendship Centre Society:* Penny Perlotto, Executive Director; Paul Lacerte, Executive Director, BC Aboriginal Association of Friendship Centres. *Canadian Nurses Association:* Rob Calnan, President. *Coalition for Active Living:* Rick Bell, Chair. *Women Warriors of Sahtu:* Cece McCauley, Honorary Chief ; Barbara Brown, Director - Community Development Associates. *National Anti-Poverty Organization:* Robert Arnold, President; Jacquie Ackerly, Secretary Treasurer. *Association of Yukon Communities:* Glen Everitt, President, Mayor of Dawson and Chair of the Northern Forum of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. *Focus on the Family Canada :* Derek Rogusky, Vice-President, Family policy. *Grassroots Women:* Rachel Rosen, Coordinator. *Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network:* Ted Kuntz, President; Jack Styan, Director of Social Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Patricia Jacobson, Penny Perlotto, Paul Lacerte, Rob Calnan, Rick Bell and Barbara Brown made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Jacquie Ackerly, Robert Arnold, Glen Everitt, Derek Rogusky Rachel Rosen, Jack Styan and Ted Kuntz made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/17 3:38 p.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 90

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Alberta Research Council:

Karen D. Beliveau, Vice-President, External Relations and Alliances;

Keith Salmon, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary.

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:

Greg Stringham, Vice-President of Markets and Fiscal Policy.

Canadian Snowboards Federation:

Alexa Loo, Athlete Representative, Board of Directors;

Tom McIlfaterick, Chief Executive Officer.

Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations:

Jeremy Mouat, President.

Society of Citizens for Better Transit:

Graeme Feltham, Member; General Supervisor for Mechanical Services and Natural Gas Vehicles, ATCO Gas.

As Individual:

Beverley Smith.

Panel II

Alberta Association of Colleges and Technical Institute:

Doug MacRae, Doctor and Executive Director.

Alberta Real Estate Association:

Les Higa, President;

Janet Poyen, Director, Government & Industry Relations.

Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:

John Keating, President, Canadian Hydro Developers Inc.

Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board:

Debra Gillett, Chair.

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology:

W.A. (Sam) Shaw, Doctor and President.

As Individual:

Patricia Clements, Doctor and Past President, Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences; Professor of English, University of Alberta.



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Meeting No. 90

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:45 a.m. this day, in the Rutherford Room, Sheraton Grande Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Nick Discepola and Sophia Leung.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations: Jeremy Mouat, President; Alan Meech, Executive Director. *Society of Citizens for Better Transit:* Graeme Feltham, Member and General Manager of Mechanical Services at ATCO Gas. *Alberta Research Council:* Karen D. Beliveau, Vice President, External Relations and Alliances; Keith Salmon, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary. *Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:* Greg L. Stringham, Vice President, Markets and Fiscal Policy; David Daly, Manager, Fiscal Policy. *As Individual:* Beverley Smith. *Canadian Snowboard Federation:* Tom McIlffaterick, Chief Executive Officer; Alexa Loo, Athlete Representative, Board of Directors. *Alberta Association of Colleges and Technical Institutes:* Doug MacRae, Executive Director. *Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board:* Debra Gillett, Chair. *Alberta Real Estate Association:* Les Higa, President; Janet Poyen, Director, Government & Industry Relations. *Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:* John Keating, President of Canadian Hydro Developers Inc.. *Northern Alberta Institute of Technology:* W.A. (Sam) Shaw, President. *As Individual:* Patricia Clements, Past President of the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor of English, University of Alberta.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel 1: Jeremy Mouat, Graeme Feltham, Karen D. Beliveau, Beverley Smith, Tom McIlffaterick, Alexa Loo and Greg L. Stringham made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:31 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel 2: Doug MacRae, Debra Gillett, Les Higa, Janet Poyen, John Keating, W.A. (Sam) Shaw and Patricia Clements made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/17 3:59 p.m.

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Meeting No. 91

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Alberta Association for Community Living:

Norm Mcleod.

Alberta Building Trades Council:

Mark McCullough, Executive Director.

Calgary Community Land Trust Society:

Matthew MacNeil, Principal, Housing Strategies Inc..

Construction Labour Relations in Alberta:

Herb Holmes, Labour Relations Representative.

Graduate Student' Association of Canada:

Elaine Ho, Co-Chair and Vice-Chair Communications;

Daniel Preece, Co-Chair and Vice-Chair of Research.



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Meeting No. 91

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:01 p.m. this day, in the Rutherford Room, Sheraton Grande Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rick Casson, Sophia Leung and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Alberta Building Trades Council: Mark McCullough, Executive Director. *Construction Labour Relations in Alberta:* Herb Holmes, Labour Relations Representative. *Graduate Students' Association of Canada:* Daniel Preece, Co-Chair and Vice-Chair of Research; Elaine Ho, Co-Chair and Vice-Chair Communications. *Calgary Community and Trust Society:* Matthew MacNeil, Principal, Housing Strategies Inc.. *Alberta Association for Community Living:* Norm McLeod.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Mark McCullough, Herb Holmes, Daniel Preece, Matthew MacNeil and Norm McLeod made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 3:18 p.m.

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Meeting No. 92

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Regina, Saskatchewan

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations.

WITNESSES:

Association of Regina Realtors:

Dale Ripplinger, Political Action Representative;

Gord Archibald, Executive Officer.

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:

Ron Cameron, Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Saskferco Products Inc.;

Darrell Zwarych, Controller of IMC Potash Ltd.

Mid Canada Research Institute:

David Malcolm, President.

Northern Lights School Division No. 113:

Ralph Pilz, Director of Education;

Bruce Ruelling, Area Board Member.

Saskatchewan Action Committee, Status of Women:

Donna Shire, Member.

Saskatchewan Arts Alliance:

Marnie Gladwell, Executive Director;

Brenda Niskala, Treasurer and Executive Director, Saskatchewan Publishers Group.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:

Rupert James, Co-Chair, Finance Committee;

Norm Halldorson, Co-Chair, Finance Committee.

Trans-Canada #1 West Association:

Pat Fiacco, Mayor, City of Regina.

University of Regina:

Jim Tomkins, Vice-President, Administration.

As Individual:

John Keen.



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Meeting No. 92

Thursday, October 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in the Regency Ballroom, Radisson Plaza Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Sophia Leung and Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Trans-Canada #1 West Association: Pat Fiacco, Mayor, City of Regina; Bruce C. Anderson, Manager. *Saskatchewan Arts Alliance:* Marnie Gladwell, Executive Director; Brenda Niskala, Treasurer, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Publishers Group. *Saskatchewan Action Committee, Status of Women:* Donna Shire, Chair; Tracy Stevens, Member of the Board. *Association of Regina Realtors:* Gord Archibald, Executive Officer; Dale Ripplinger, Political Action Representative. *Mid Canada Research Institute:* David Malcolm, President. *Canadian Fertilizer Institute:* Ron Cameron, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Saskferco Products Inc.; Darrell Zwarych, Controller of IMC Potash LTD. *University of Regina:* Jim Tomkins, Vice President, Administration. *Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:* Norm Halldorson, Co-Chair, Finance Committee; Rupert James, Co-Chair, Finance Committee. *Northern Lights School Division No.113:* Ralph Pilz, Director of Education; Bruce Ruelling, Area Board Member. *As Individual:* John Keen.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Pat Fiacco, Marnie Gladwell, Brenda Niskala, Donna Shire, Dale Ripplinger and David Malcolm made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:35 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Ron Cameron, Darrell Zwarych, Jim Tomkins, Rupert James, Norm Halldorson, Bruce Ruelling, Ralph Pilz and John Keen made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 3:18 p.m.

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Meeting No. 93

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Regina, Saskatchewan

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Northern Teacher Education Program:

Elie Fleury, Executive Director;

Bruce Ruelling, Chairman.

Partners for Rural Family Support:

Janet Hering, Executive Director.

Saskatchewan Homoeopathic Consumers Protection Group:

Judy V. Hughes, Provincial Coordinator.

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism:

Wally Coates, Vice-President;

Verda Petry, President.

University of Saskatchewan:

Doug Richardson, Legal Counsel;

Bill Thomlinson, Doctor; Executive Director, Canadian Light Source (CLS).



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Meeting No. 93

Thursday, October 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:06 p.m. this day, in the Regency Ballroom, Radisson Plaza Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Sophia Leung and Maria Minna.

Acting Members present: Hon. Lorne Nystrom for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism: Verda Petry, President; Wally Coates, Vice-President. *Partners for Rural Family Support:* Janet Hering, Executive Director. *Saskatchewan Homoeopathic Consumers Protection Group:* Judy V. Hughes, Provincial Coordinator. *University of Saskatchewan:* Bill Thomlinson, Executive Director, Canadian Light Source (CLS); Doug Richardson, Legal Counsel. *Northern Teacher Education Program:* Bruce Ruelling, Chairman; Elie Fleury, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Verda Petry, Janet Hering, Judy V. Hughes, Doug Richardson, Bill Thomlinson and Elie Fleury made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 3:18 p.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 94

Friday, October 31, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

Panel I

WITNESSES:

Association of Manitoba Municipalities:

Stuart Brieze, President.

Manitoba Chambers of Commerce:

Ed Allinott, Second Vice-President;

Daniel Overall, Director of Policy and Communications.

Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees:

Marianne Cerilli;

Roland Stankevicius.

Manitoba Schizophrenia Society—Lifelinks:

Verne McComas, Programs Coordinator.

Panel II

Canadian Executive Council on Addictions:

John Borody, President.

Homoeopathic Medical Education and Research Centre Inc.:

Kumar Belgaumkar, Doctor;

Valerie Squire, Doctor and Program Coordinator.

Manitoba Child Care Association:

Don Giesbrecht, President;

Pat Wege, Executive Director.

Manitoba Home Builders' Association:

Wayne Bollman, President;

John Daniels, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors;

Derek Thorsteinson, Chair, Board of Directors.

University of Manitoba:

Joanne Keselman, Vice-President, Research;

Emőke Szathmáry, President.

Panel III

Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators:

Peter Dueck, Member-at-large (Universities), Director, Enrolment Services, University of Manitoba;

Judy Dyck, President; Director of Awards & Financial Aid, University of Winnipeg.

CanWest Global Communications Corp.:

Geoffrey Elliott, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs.

Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:

Debra Mayer, Director, Manitoba Division.

Winnipeg Real Estate Board:

Harry DeLeeuw, Present Member and Past President of the Canadian Real Estate Association;

Peter Squire, Director, Public Affairs.

As Individual:

Robert O'Kell, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba.



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Meeting No. 94

Friday, October 31, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:33 a.m. this day, in the Provencher Room, Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: John Harvard for Sophia Leung and Raymond Simard for Sophia Leung.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Manitoba Municipalities: Stuart Briese, President. Manitoba Chambers of Commerce: Ed Allinott, Second Vice President; Daniel James Overall, Director of Policy and Communications. Manitoba Schizophrenia Society - Lifelinks: Verne McComas, Programs Coordinator. Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees: Roland Stankevicius; Marianne Cerelli. Canadian Executive Council on Addictions: John Borody, President. Manitoba Child Care Association: Don Giesbrecht, President; Pat Wege, Executive Director. Manitoba Home Builders Association: Wayne Bollman, President; Derek Thorsteinson, Chair, Board of Directors; John Daniels, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors. Homoeopathic Medical Education and Research Centre Inc.: Kumar Belgaumka, Doctor of Homoeopathy; Valerie Squire, Doctor of Homoeopathy. University of Manitoba: Emőke J.E. Szathmáry, President; Joanne Keselman, Vice President Research. CanWest Global Communications Corp.: Geoffrey Elliot, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs. Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada: Debra Mayer, Director, Manitoba Division. Winnipeg Real Estate Board: John Froese, Chair, Civic and Legislative Affairs Committee; Peter Squire, Director, Public Affairs; Harry DeLeeuw, Present Member and Past President of the Canadian Real Estate Association. Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators: Judy Dyck, President of the Association, Director of Award & Financial Aid, University of Winnipeg; Peter Dueck, Member-at-large (Universities), Director, Enrollment Services, University of Manitoba. As Individual: Robert O'Kell, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

PANEL I: Stuart Briese, Ed Allinott, Verne McComas and Roland Stankevicius made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting resumed.

PANEL II: John Borody, Don Giesbrecht, Wayne Bollman, Valerie Squire and Emőke J.E. Szathmáry made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:30 a.m., the sitting resumed.

PANEL III: Geoffrey Elliot, Debra Mayer, Harry Deleeuw, Judy Dyck and Robert O'Kell made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/17 8:43 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 95

Friday, October 31, 2003

Winnipeg, Manitoba

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations.

WITNESSES:

Association for Community Living - Manitoba:

Dale Kendel, Executive Director.

Child Care Coalition of Manitoba:

Molly McCracken, Research Coordinator;

Thelma Randall, Executive Director, Cornish Child Care Centre.

Literacy Partners of Manitoba:

Joe Dutra;

Marg Rose, Executive Director.

Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations:

Richard Henley, President.



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Meeting No. 95

Friday, October 31, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:00 p.m. this day, in the Provencher Room, Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Other Members present: Reg Alcock and John Harvard.

Attendance: *Library of Parliament:* June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Child Care Coalition of Manitoba:* Thelma Randall, Executive Director, Cornish Child Care Centre; Molly McCracken, Research Coordinator. *Literacy Partners of Manitoba:* Marg Rose, Executive Director; Joe Dutra. *Association for Community Living - Manitoba:* Dale H. Kendel, Executive Director. *Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations:* Richard Henley, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Thelma Randall, Marg Rose, Dale H. Kendel and Richard Henley made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 10:39 a.m.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 96

Monday, November 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations.

APPEARING:

Hon. John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 96

Monday, November 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 10:34 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rick Casson, Nick Discepola, Albina Guarnieri, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pauline Picard, Monte Solberg, Tony Valeri, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Alan Tonks for Roy Cullen and Bob Wood for Sophia Leung.

Other Members present: Walt Lastewka.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Kevin G. Lynch, Deputy Minister, Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations: Economic and Fiscal Update of the Minister of Finance

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 10:38 a.m.

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Meeting No. 97

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers:

Chris Ferns, Past President.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Mary Ennis, Vice-Chairperson;

Marie White, National Chairperson.

Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce:

Allan Gates, Federal Affairs Committee Chair;

Valerie Payn, President.

Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations:

Robert Cook, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Helen Patriquin, Vice-President.

The Face of Poverty Consultation:

Michael Bradfield, Professor, Economics, University of Dalhousie;

Alasdair Sinclair, Professor Emeritus (Economics), University of Dalhousie.

Panel II

Canadian Federation of Students:

David Hare, Nova Scotia National Executive Representative.

Community Action on Homelessness:

Angela Bishop, Community Liaison.

Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations:

Desmond Morley, Executive Director.

Halifax Regional Municipality:

Peter Kelly, Mayor;

George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer.

Literacy Nova Scotia:

Ann Marie Downie, Executive Director.

Panel III

Antigonish Women's Resource Centre:

Katherine Reed, Project Coordinator.

Nova Scotia School Boards Association:

Jeanne Doucette, First President;

Mary Jess MacDonald, President.

Raymond Wilde Chartered Accountants:

Peter Wilde, Partner.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

Michael Burke, National President and Director of Hope Cottage;

Father George Leach, Outreach Worker at Hope Cottage,

As Individual:

Mary Boyd, Spokesperson, MacKillop Centre for Social Justice and PEI Alternative Provincial Budget Coalition.



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Meeting No. 97

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:03 a.m. this day, in the Acadia A-B-C- Room, Casino Nova Scotia Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rahim Jaffer, Shawn Murphy and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Peter Stoffer for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Attendance: *Library of Parliament:* June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Marie White, National Chairperson; Mary Ennis, Vice Chairperson. *Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers:* Chris Ferns, Past-President. *Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations:* Robert A. Cook, President and Chief Executive Officer; Helen Patriquin, Vice President. *Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce:* Valerie A. Payn, President; Allan Gates, Federal Affairs Committee Chair. *Face of Poverty Consultation (The):* Alasdair Sinclair, Professor Emeritus (Economics), Dalhousie University; Michael Bradfield, Professor of Economics, University of Dalhousie. *Community Action on Homelessness:* Angela Bishop, Community Liaison. *Halifax Regional Municipality:* Peter J. Kelly, Mayor; George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer. *Literacy Nova Scotia:* Ann Marie Downie, Executive Director. *Canadian Federation of Students:* David Hare, Nova Scotia National Executive Representative. *Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations:* Desmond A. Morley, Executive Director. *Society of St. Vincent de Paul:* Michael Burke, National President and Director of Hope Cottage; George Leach, Outreach Worker at Hope Cottage. *Antigonish Women's Resource Centre:* Katherine Reed, Project Coordinator. *Nova Scotia School Boards Association:* Mary Jess MacDonald, President; Jeanne Doucette, First President. *As Individual:* Mary Boyd, Spokesperson, MacKillop Centre for Social Justice and PEI Alternative Provincial Budget Coalition. *Raymond Wilde Chartered Accountants:* Peter F. Wilde, Partner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

PANEL I: Mary Ennis, Chris Ferns, Robert A. Cook, Valerie A. Payn, Allan Gates, Michael Bradfield and Alasdair Sinclair made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:37 a.m., the sitting resumed.

PANEL II: Angela Bishop, Peter J. Kelly, Anne Marie Downie, David Hare and Desmond A. Morley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting resumed.

PANEL III: Micheal Burke, George Leach, Katherine Reed, Mary Jess MacDonald, Jeanne Doucette, Mary Boyd and Peter F. Wilde made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/18 10:44 a.m.

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Meeting No. 98

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations 2003

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Atlantic Institute for Market Studies:

Don McIver, Director of Research.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

Karen McGrath, President;

Jim McMorran, President, Canadian Mental Health Association.

Halifax Cluster of Kairos:

Bob Britton, Reverend and Chancellor, Archdiocese of Halifax;

Jack Risk, Reverend and Program Coordinator, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Road and Infrastructure Program, Canada:

Ron Legere, Board Member;

Jeff Morrison, Executive Director.

University of New Brunswick:

Gwen Davies, Dean of Graduate Studies; Associate Vice-President, Research;
Gregory Kealey, Vice-President, Research.

Panel II

Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic:

Ken Bagnell, President.

Early Childhood Care and Education in New Brunswick:

Linda Gould, Vice-President;

Monique MacMullin, Treasurer.

Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick:

Cheryl Brown, President;

Jan Greer Langley, Executive Director.

Parents for Quality Care:

Manon Cormier-Viel, Spokesperson;

Jody Dallaire, Spokesperson.

Sport Nova Scotia:

Mark Smith, Director of Sport Development.



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Meeting No. 98

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:31 p.m. this day, in the Acadia A-B-C- Room, Casino Nova Scotia Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rahim Jaffer, Shawn Murphy and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Peter Stoffer for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Road and Infrastructure Program, Canada (The): Jeff Morrison, Executive Director; Ron Legere, Board Member of TRIP Canada. *University of New Brunswick:* Gregory Kealey, Vice-President, Research; Gwen Davies, Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice President, Research. *Atlantic Institute for Market Studies:* Don McIver, Director of Research. *Halifax Cluster of Kairos:* Jack Risk, Program Coordinator, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island ; Bob Britton, Chancellor, Achdiocese of Halifax. *Canadian Mental Health Association:* Karen McGrath, President; Jim McMorran, President, Nova Scotia Division. *New Brunswick Coalition for Literacy:* Cheryl Brown, President; Jan Greer Langley, Executive Director. *Sport Nova Scotia:* Mark Smith, Director of Sport Development. *Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic:* Ken Bagnell, President. *Parents for Quality Care:* Jody Dallaire, Spokesperson; Manon Cormier-Viel, Spokesperson. *Early Childhood Care and Education in New Brunswick:* Linda Gould, Vice-President; Monique MacMullin, Treasurer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

PANEL 1: Jeff Morrisson, Ron Legere, Gregory Kealey, Gwen Davies, Don McIver, Rev. Bob Britton, Rev. Jack Risk, Karen McGrath and Jim McMorran made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:57 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

PANEL II: Jan Greer Langley, Cheryl Brown, Mark Smith, Ken Bagnell, Manon Cormier-Viel, Jody Dallaire, Linda Gould and Monique MacMullin made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 8:43 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
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FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 99

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

“Association des producteurs de films et de télévision du Québec”:

Jacquelin Bouchard, President of the Executive Committee;

Claire Samson, President and CEO.

Centrale des syndicats du Québec:

Pierre Beaulne, Economist;

Pierre Séguin, Vice-President.

Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec:

Guyline Gosselin, Director general;

Gilbert Perreault, Member of the Executive Committee.

“Mouvement pour les arts et les lettres”:

Richard Messier, Coordinator.

National Council of Graduate Students (Québec):

Wenceslas Mamboundou, President.

Quebec's Federation of University Students:

Nicolas Brisson, President.

Panel II

"Confédération des syndicats nationaux":

Vincent Dagenais, Assistant to the Executive Committee.

Michel Lessard, Treasurer.

"Conseil du patronat du Québec":

Gilles Taillon, President.

"Coopérative fédérée de Québec":

Denis Richard, President.

Quebec Mineral Exploration Association:

Pierre Bérubé, President.

University of Quebec in Montreal:

Denise Pelletier, Executive Director, Rector's Cabinet; Vice-President, External Communications; Canadian Federation for the Humanities.

Panel III

"Association du transport urbain du Québec":

Jean-Jacques Beldié, President.

Association nationale des éditeurs de livres:

Pierre Bourdon, Vice-President, General Edition, Association nationale des éditeurs de livres;

Jean Canac-Marquis, Vice-President, Academic Edition.

Health Partners International of Canada:

Hon. Jake Epp, Chairman;

Christine Lancing, Director of Development.

St. Lawrence Economic development Council:

Guy Véronneau, President.



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Meeting No. 99

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:39 a.m. this day, in the Salon Cartier A-B, Hotel Delta Centre-Ville, Montreal, Quebec, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Centrale des syndicats du Québec: Pierre Séguin, Vice President; Pierre Beaulne, Economist. *Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec:* Guylaine Gosselin, Director general; Gilbert Perreault, Member of the Executive; Patrice Dubé, Assistant Director. *Mouvement pour les arts et les lettres:* Richard Messier, Coordinator. *Quebec's Federation of University Students:* Nicolas Brisson, President. *National Council of graduate students (Quebec):* Wenceslas Mamboundou, President. *Association des producteurs de films et de télévision du Québec (APFTQ):* Claire Samson, President - Director General; Jacquelin Bouchard, President of the Executive Committee. *University of Quebec in Montreal:* Denise Pelletier, Executive Director, Rector's Cabinet, UQAM, Vice President, External Communications, Canadian Federation for the Humanities. *Conseil du patronat du Québec:* Gilles Taillon, President; Diane Bellemare, Vice President, Research. *Quebec Mineral Exploration Association:* Pierre Bérubé, President; Kamil Khobzi, Co-president. *Coopérative fédérée de Québec:* Denis Richard, President; Pierre Gauvreau, Chief Executive Officer. *Confédération des syndicats nationaux:* Michel Lessard, Treasurer; Vincent Dagenais, Assistant to the Executive Committee. *Association du transport urbain du Québec:* Monique Léveillé, Secretary General; Jean-Jacques Beldié, President. *Health Partners International of Canada:* Hon. Jake Epp, Chairman; Christine Lancing, Director of Development. *SODES (St. Lawrence Economic development Council):* Guy Véronneau, President; Marc Gagnon, Director General. *Association nationale des éditeurs de livres:* Pierre Bourdon, Vice President, General Edition; Jean Canac-Marquis, Vice President, Academic Edition.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I : Pierre Séguin, Gilbert Perreault, Richard Messier, Jacquelin Bouchard, Nicholas Brisson and Wenceslas Mamboundou made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II : Denise Pelletier, Gilles Taillon, Pierre Bérubé, Kamil Khobzi and Michel Lessard made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:31 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III : Jean-Jacques Beldié, the Honourable Jake Epp, Christine Lancing, Jean Canac-Marquis and Pierre Bourdon made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/19 10:30 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 100

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations 2003

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Automobile Dealers Association:

Richard Gauthier, President.

“Centre hospitalier affilié universitaire de Québec”:

François Auger, Director of Research.

Independent Media Arts Alliance:

Peter Sandmark, National Director.

Shipping Federation of Canada:

Ivan Lantz, Captain and Director, Marine Operations;

Anne Legars, Director, Policy and Government Affairs.

“Union des consommateurs”:

Ghislaine Beaulieu, Coordinator, “Association coopérative d'économie familiale de l'Estrie”;

France Latreille, Acting Coordinator.

Panel II

"Fédération des chambres immobilières du Québec":

Michel Beauséjour, Director General.

"Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain":

Lucie Poirier, Organizer;

François Saillant, Coordinator.

"Société de transport de Montréal":

Claude Dauphin, Chair, Board of Directors; Member, Executive Council of the City of Montreal.

"Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec":

Serge Lebeau, Deputy Director, Research and Agriculture;

Laurent Pellerin, President.

"Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue":

Jules Arsenault, President.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 100

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:04 p.m. this day, in the Salon Cartier A-B, Hotel Delta Centre-Ville, Montreal, Quebec, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Rahim Jaffer, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Pauline Picard and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Union des consommateurs: Ghislaine Beaulieu, Coordinator, Association coopérative d'économie familiale de l'Estrie; France Latreille, Acting Coordinator. *Shipping Federation of Canada:* Ivan Lantz, Director, Marine Operations; Anne Legars, Director, Policy and Government Affairs; Mario Minotti, Director, Finance Administration. *Canadian Automobile Dealers Association:* Richard Gauthier, President. *Centre hospitalier affilié universitaire de Québec:* François Auger, Director of Research. *Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec:* Laurent Pellerin, President; Serge Lebeau, Deputy Director, Research and Agriculture. *Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain:* François Saillant, Coordinator; Lucie Poirier, Organizer. *Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue:* Jules Arsenault, President. *Société de transport de Montréal:* Claude Dauphin, Member of the Executive Council of the City of Montreal, Chair of the Board of Directors of the STM; Pierre Vandelac, Chief Executive Officer. *Fédération des chambres immobilières du Québec:* Michel Beauséjour, Director General; Pierre Langlois, Director of Governmental Regulations. *Independent Media Arts Alliance:* Peter Sandmark, National Director; Katherine Jerkovic, Communications Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I : France Latreille, Ghislaine Beaulieu, Anne Legars, Richard Gauthier and François Auger made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II : Peter Sandmark, Serge Lebeau, Jules Arsenault, Lucie Poirier, François Saillant, Claude Dauphin and Michel Beauséjour made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/19 10:31 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 101

Thursday, November 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations 2003

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Canadian Bankers Association:

Peter Currie, Vice-Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, RBC Financial Group;

Kelly Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Banking Operations.

Horse Racing Tax Alliance of Canada:

Michael Van Every, Chair;

Catherine Willson, Legal Counsel.

Ontario Hospital Association:

Steve Orsini, Vice-President, Policy and Research;

Hilary Short, President and CEO.

As Individual:

John Morrissey.

Panel II

Canadian Association of Food Banks:

Matt Ferguson, Public Policy and Research Coordinator;

Alan Redway, Chairman of the Board, Daily Bread Food Bank.

Canadian Retail Hardware Association:

David Campbell, Chairman, Government Relations Committee of the Canadian Retail Building Supply Council;

Robert Elliott, President.

Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association:

David Peters, Special Advisor, Affordable and Supportive Housing.

St. Christopher House:

Susan Pigott, Chief Executive Officer;

John Stapleton, CUSP Fellow.

Toronto Board of Trade:

Elyse Allan, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Panel III

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs:

Patrick Burke, Fire Chief;

Donald F. Warden, Fire Chief.

GO Transit:

Gary McNeil, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

David Knight, Director;

Susan Murray, Director.

Opera.ca:

Claire Hopkinson, Chair;

Micheline McKay, Executive Director.

RESP Dealers Association of Canada:

Paul Renaud, Chair, Government Relations Subcommittee;

Ray Riley, Chair.

YWCA of Canada:

Elaine Teofilovici, Chief Executive Officer.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 101

Thursday, November 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:03 a.m. this day, in the Conference B & C Room, Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Maria Minna, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Monte Solberg, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Ontario Hospital Association: Hilary Short, President and CEO; Steve Orsini, Vice-President, Policy and Research. *Horse Racing Tax Alliance of Canada:* Michael Van Every, Chair; Catherine Willson, Legal Counsel. *As Individual:* John Morrissey. *Canadian Bankers Association:* Kelly Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Banking Operations; Peter Currie, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, RBC Financial Group. *Canadian Retail Hardware Association:* Robert Elliott, President; David Campbell, Chairman, Government Relations Committee of the Canadian Retail Building Supply Council. *Toronto Board of Trade:* Elyse Allan, President and CEO; Terri Lohnes, Acting Director of Policy. *Canadian Association of Food Banks:* Matt Ferguson, Public Policy and Research Coordinator; Alan Redway, Chairman of the Board, Daily Bread Food Bank. *Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association:* David Peters, Special Advisor, Affordable and Supportive Housing. *St. Christopher House:* Susan Pigott, Chief Executive Officer; John Stapleton, CUSP Fellow. *Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Susan A. Murray, Director; David L. Knight, Director. *Opera.ca:* Claire Hopkinson, Chair; Micheline McKay, Executive Director. *GO Transit:* Gary McNeil, Managing Director and CEO. *Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs:* Donald F. Warden, Fire Chief; Patrick Burke, Fire Chief. *YWCA of Canada:* Elaine Teofilovici, Chief Executive Officer. *RESP Dealers Association of Canada:* Ray Riley, Chair; Paul Renaud, Chair, Government Relations Sub-Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Hilary Short, Michael Van Every, Catherine Wilson, John Morrissey and Peter Currie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:23 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:29 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II : Robert Elliott, David Campbell, Elyse Allan, Hon. Allan Redway, David Peters, Matt Ferguson, Suzan Pigott and John Stapleton made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:12 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III : Suzan A. Murray, David L. Knight, Claire Hopkinson, Donald F. Warden, Patrick Burke, Gary McNeil, Elaine Teofilovici, Ray Riley and Paul Renaud made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 8:44 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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on

FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 102

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Toronto, Ontario

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations.

WITNESSES:

Arts Network for Children and Youth:

Linda Albright, Executive Director;

Rudy Ruttimann, Treasurer.

Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:

Judy Cutler, Director of Communications and Co-Director of Advocacy;

Bill Gleberzon, Executive Director, Co-Director of Advocacy.

Canadian Association of Small Brewers:

Howard Thompson, Chair of the Excise Tax Committee, President and CEO of Creemore Springs Brewery Ltd.;

Laura Urtowski, President, Les brasseurs du Nord.

Canadian Cancer Society:

Rebecca Finlay, Group Director.

Canadian District Energy Association:

Bruce Ander, President, Markham District Energy.

Don Marsales, President.

Canadian Jewellers Association:

John Minister, President;

Carmen Rivet, First Vice-President.

Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association:

Nils Kravis, President of Kelsey's International Inc.;

Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs.

CropLife Canada:

Charles Milne, Vice-President, Government Affairs.

Direct Sellers Association of Canada:

Paul Thériault, President.

National Housing and Homelessness Network:

Jennifer Ramsay, Chair, Housing and Homelessness Network of Ontario;

Michael Shapcott, Co-Chair.

Nature Conservancy of Canada (The):

John Lounds, President.

Ontario Chamber of Commerce:

Mary Webb, Chair, Finance and Taxation Committee.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture:

Ron Bonnett, President;

Ted Cowan, Policy Analyst, Farm Policy Research Group.

Regional Municipality of Waterloo:

Gerry Thompson, Chief Executive Officer.

Toronto Real Estate Board:

Mauro Ritacca, Manager, Government Relations.

Writers' Union of Canada:

Barry Grills, Past President;

Deborah Windsor, Executive Director.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 102

Thursday, November 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:31 p.m. this day, in the Conference B & C Room, Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Rahim Jaffer, Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Monte Solberg, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Ontario Chamber of Commerce: Mary Webb, Chair, Finance and Taxation Committee. *National Housing and Homelessness Network:* Jennifer Ramsay, Chair, Homeless Housing and Homelessness Network of Ontario; Michael Shapcott, Co-Chair. *CropLife Canada:* Charles Milne, Vice President, Government Affairs. *Canadian Association of Small Brewers:* Laura Urtowski, President, Les brasseurs du Nord; Howard Thompson, Chair of the Excise Tax Committee, President and CEO of Creemore Springs Brewery Ltd.. *Writers' Union of Canada:* Deborah Windsor, Executive Director; Barry Grills, Past President. *Canadian Jewellers Association:* John Minister, President; Carmen Rivet, First Vice President; Neil Foster, Treasurer. *Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association:* Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs; Nils Kravis, Director, President of Kelsey's International Inc.. *Ontario Federation of Agriculture:* Ron Bonnett, President; Jason Bent, Policy Analyst; Ted Cowan, Policy Analyst, Farm Policy Research Group. *Regional Municipality of Waterloo:* Gerry Thompson, Chief Executive Officer; Larry Kotseff, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services. *Canadian District Energy Association:* Don Marsales, President; Bruce Ander, President, Markham District Energy. *Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:* Bill Gleberzon, Executive Director and Co-Director of Advocacy; Judy Cutler, Director of Communications and Co-Director of Advocacy. *Arts Network for Children and Youth:* Linda Albright, Executive Director; Rudy Ruttimann, Treasurer. *Canadian Cancer Society (The):* Rebecca Finlay, Group Director, Public Affairs. *Nature Conservancy of Canada (The):* John Lounds, President. *Direct Sellers Association of Canada:* Paul J. Thériault, President. *Toronto Real Estate Board:* Mauro Ritacca, Manager, Government Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I : Mary Webb, Jennifer Ramsay, Micheal Shapcott, Charles Milne, Laura Urtowski, Howard Thompson, Deborah Windsor, Barry Grills, John Minister, Carmen Rivet and Neil Foster made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Nils Kravis, Ron Bonnett, Gerry Thompson and Don Marsales made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III: Judy Cutler, Bill Gleberzon, Rudy Ruttiman, Rebecca Finlay, John Lounds, Paul J. Thériault and Mauro Ritacca made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/18 11:45 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 103

Friday, November 7, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations

WITNESSES:

Panel I

Actra – Toronto Performers:

Richard Hardacre, President;

Brian Topp, Executive Director.

Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health:

Phil Upshall, Chair, Mood Disorders Society of Canada.

Canadian Association of Science Centres:

Claude Benoit, Vice-President.

Campaign 2000:

Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator.

Escarpment Biosphere Foundation:

Robert Barnett, Executive Director and Chair of the Government Relations Committee,
Ontario Land Trust Alliance.

Retail Council of Canada:

Diane Brisebois, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Peter Woolford, Vice-President, Policy Development and Research.

Panel II

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario:

Mary MacKenzie, President.

Campaign Against Child Poverty:

Caroline Di Giovanni, Executive Director, Hope for Children Foundation;

Jacque Maund, Coordinator;

Gerald Vandezande, Steering Committee Member.

Childcare Resource and Research Unit:

Martha Friendly, Coordinator, Centre for Urban and Community Studies of the University
of Toronto.

Writers Guild of Canada:

Gail Martiri, Director of Policy.

As Individual:

Joseph Polito.

Panel III

Campaign for Stable Funding of Adult ESL Classes:

Norman Beach, Co-chair;

Linda Zhai, Former Adult Student in English as a second language classes (ESL).

Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc.:

Gerda Kaegi, President;

Edwin Watson, Member.

City of Toronto:

Shirley Hoy, Chief Administrator Officer.

Hospital for Sick Children:

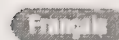
Manuel Buchwald, Doctor and Chief of Research;

Cyndy DeGiusti, Vice-President.

Maytree Foundation:

Naomi Alboim, Associate;

Elizabeth McIsaac, Manager, Research and Policy.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 103

Friday, November 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:30 a.m. this day, in the Conference B & C Room, Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Scott Brison, Albina Guarnieri, Rahim Jaffer, Shawn Murphy, Gary Pillitteri, Monte Solberg, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health: Phil Upshall, President, Mood Disorders Society of Canada; Joan Montgomery, Chief Executive Officer, Schizophrenia Society of Canada. *Canadian Association of Science Centres:* Claude Benoit, Vice-President; Tracy Ross, Coordinator. *Retail Council of Canada:* Diane J. Brisebois, President and Chief Executive Officer; Peter Woolford, Vice-President, Policy Development and Research. *Escarpment Biosphere Foundation:* Robert Barnett, Executive Director and Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Ontario Land Trust Alliance. *ACTRA - Toronto Performers:* Richard Hardacre, President; Brian Topp, Executive Director. *Campaign 2000:* Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator. *Campaign Against Child Poverty:* Caroline Di Giovanni, Executive Director, Hope for Children Foundation; Gerald Vandezande, Steering Committee Member; Jacquie Maund, Coordinator. *Writers Guild of Canada:* Gail Martiri, Director of Policy. *Childcare Resource and Research Unit:* Martha Friendly, Coordinator of the Unit, Centre for Urban and Community Studies of the University of Toronto. *As Individual:* Joseph Polito. *Association of Municipal Managers and Clerks of Ontario:* Mary L. MacKenzie, President; Andy Koopmans, Executive Director. *Campaign for Stable Funding of Adult ESL Classes:* Norman Beach, Co-chair; Linda Zhai, Former Adult Student in English as a second language classes (ESL). *Hospital for Sick Children:* Cyndy DeGiusti, Vice President, Child Advocacy; Manuel Buchwald, Chief of Research. *Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc.:* Gerda Kaegi, President; Edwin Watson, Member. *Maytree Foundation:* Elizabeth McIsaac, Manager, Research and Policy; Naomi Alboim, Associate. *City of Toronto:* Shirley Hoy, Chief Administrator Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Phil Upshall, Claude Benoit, Diane J. Brisebois, Robert Barnett, Richard Hardacre, Brian Topp and Laurel Rothman made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: Jacquie Maund, Caroline Di Giovanni, Gerald Vandezande, Gail Martiri, Martha Friendly, Joseph Polito and Mary L. MacKenzie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:35 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III: Norman Beach, Linda Zhai, Cyndy DeGiusti, Manuel Buchwald, Gerda Kaegi, Elizabeth McIsaac, Naomi Alboim and Shirley Hoy made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/20 9:04 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
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FINANCE

Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 104

Friday, November 7, 2003

Toronto, Ontario

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pre-budget consultations.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Michael Bach, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Tooling and Machining Association:

James D. Bowman, Vice-President.

Citizens for Public Justice:

Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Socio-economic Concerns Coordinator.

National Professional Association Coalition on Tuition:

William Easton, Chair.

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care:

Kira Heineck, Acting Executive Director.

Toronto Transit Commission:

Vincent Rodo, Executive General Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 104

Friday, November 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:58 p.m. this day, in the Conference B & C Room, Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Albina Guarnieri, Rahim Jaffer, Shawn Murphy, Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bryon Wilfert.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Community Living: Michael Bach, Executive Vice President; Anna Macquarrie, Policy Analyst. *Toronto Transit Commission:* Vincent Rodo, Executive General Secretary. *Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care:* Kira Heineck, Acting Executive Director. *Canadian Tooling and Machining Association:* James D. Bowman, Vice President. *National Professional Association Coalition on Tuition:* William A. Easton, Chair. *Citizens for Public Justice:* Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Socio-economic Concerns Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations.

Panel I: Vincent Rodo, Kira Heineck, James D. Bowman, William A. Easton, Greg deGroot-Maggetti and Michael Bach made a statement and, with Anna Macquarrie, answered questions.

At 3:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Caroline Martin
Clerks of the Committee

2003/11/13 3:19 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Standing Committee
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Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Monday, February 17, 2004

Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, Hon. John Manley, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Werner Schmidt, Alex Shepherd and Monte Solberg.

Guest Members present: Grant McNally for John Reynolds, Deepak Obhrai for Richard Harris, Bernard Patry for Gary Frerking, Jean-Yves Roy for Odina Desrochers and Diane St-Jacques for Hon. Robert Thibault.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.
House of Commons: Carmen DePape, Committee Clerk.

Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Mr. St-Jacques moved, — That Nick Discepola be elected Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Shepherd moved, — That Roy Cullen be elected Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the election was conducted by secret ballot.

After the ballots having been counted, Roy Cullen was declared duly elected Chair.

Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On the motion of Rahim Jaffer, it was agreed, — That Monte Solberg be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Patry moved, — That Nick Discepola be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Cullen moved, — That Sophia Leung be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Ms. Leung declined.

Mr. Discepola was declared duly elected Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the Government Vice-Chair, the Parliamentary Secretary, one Liberal Member, one Conservative member, one Bloc Québécois Member and one New Democratic Party Member.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least two (2) members are present including a member of the opposition.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as required, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that during the questioning of

witnesses, there be allocated 10 minutes for the first questioner of each party; and that thereafter 5 minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner.

It was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(4), whenever an Order in Council for appointment or a certificate of nomination for appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the curriculum vitae of each appointee/nominee.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents to the members of the Committee in the language received, and to ensure that such documents are translated and distributed as promptly as possible.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

It was agreed, — That, when a minister of the Crown or the Governor of the Bank of Canada is to appear before the Committee, the proceedings be televised.

It was agreed, — That unless there is unanimous consent of the Members of the Committee, forty-eight (48) hours notice must be given to members of the Committee before any new item of business is considered by the Committee and, the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to all members in both official language. Upon receipt of the notice, the clerk will put the motion on the agenda of the committee's next meeting.

Pursuant the 48 hours notice motion adopted today, Monte Solberg gave notice of the two (2) following motions:

- 1) That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee.
- 2) That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee.

Pursuant the 48 hours notice motion adopted today, Pierre Paquette gave notice of the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Finance request an order of the House authorizing the division of Bill C-18, an Act respecting equalization and authorizing the Minister of Finance to make certain payments related to health, so that a matter concerning the transfer of an additional \$2 billion to the provinces as part of the Canada Health and Social Transfer can be treated in another bill.

At 9:22 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/19 1:50 p.m.

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FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-18, An Act respecting equalization and authorizing the Minister of Finance to make certain payments related to health

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESS:

Department of Finance:

Krista Campbell, Senior Policy Analyst, CHST and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;

Natasha Rascenin, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Relation Division;

Clare Scullion, Counsel, General Legal Services Division.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Odina Desrochers, Rahim Jaffer, John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Alex Shepherd, Monte Solberg, Robert Thibault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Hon. Wayne Easter for Nick Discepola.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Krista Campbell, Senior Policy Analyst, CHST and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Natasha Rascenin, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Relation Division; Clare Scullion, Counsel, General Legal Services Division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 13, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-18, An Act respecting equalization and authorizing the Minister of Finance to make certain payments related to health.

The Parliamentary Secretary made an opening statement and with Clare Scullion, Natasha Rascenin, Krista Campbell answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee will proceed to the clause by clause consideration of the Bill on Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. .

At 4:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/19 11:26 a.m.

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FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 19, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-18, An Act respecting equalization and authorizing the Minister of Finance to make certain payments related to health

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESS:

Department of Finance:

Clare Scullion, Counsel, General Legal Services Division.



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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:33 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Hon. John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Pierre Paquette, Alex Shepherd, Monte Solberg, Monte Solberg and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Nick Discepolo, Paul Harold Macklin for Sophia Leung and Bryon Wilfert for Gary Pillitteri.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jean-Michel Roy, Legislative Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Krista Campbell, Senior Policy Analyst, CHST and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Natasha Rascenin, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Relation Division; Clare Scullion, Counsel, General Legal Services Division.

At 9:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 13, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-18, An Act respecting equalization and authorizing the Minister of Finance to make certain payments related to health.

Pierre Paquette moved, — That the Standing Committee on Finance request an order of the House authorizing the division of Bill C-18, an Act respecting equalization and authorizing the Minister of Finance to make certain payments related to health, so that any matter concerning the transfer of an additional \$2 billion to the provinces as part of the Canada Health and Social Transfer can be treated in another bill.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Pierre Paquette, Monte Solberg — 2; NAYS: Rodger Cuzner, Derek Lee, Paul Harold Macklin, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Alex Shepherd, Robert Thibault, Bryon Wilfert — 9.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Clauses 1 and 2 carried on division severally.

Clause 3 carried.

On Clause 4,

Pierre Paquette moved, — That Bill C-18, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 2 with the following:

“(i) a cash contribution of at least \$2 billion for each fiscal year that begins after March 31, 2004, to be paid”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 4 carried.

Clauses 5 to 7 inclusive carried on division severally.

New clause 7.1,

Pierre Paquette moved, — That Bill C-18 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 3 the following new clause:

“ 7.1 For greater certainty, an agreement in respect of fiscal equalization payments entered into between the Government of Canada and the government of each province after March 31, 2004 takes effect on April 1, 2004. ”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pierre Paquette and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Pierre Paquette — 1; NAYS: Rodger Cuzner, Derek Lee, Paul Harold Macklin, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Alex Shepherd, Monte Solberg, Robert Thibault, Bryon Wilfert — 10.

Clause 8 carried on division.

The Parliamentary Secretary and Clare Scullion, answered questions.

The title carried on division.

The Bill carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 10:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/23 11:37 a.m.

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Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 26, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004: Votes 1b, 16b, 25b and 30b, under the Department of Finance and Vote 1b under the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Stephen O'Connor, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Branch;

James Ralston, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Branch.

Department of Finance:

François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;

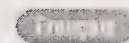
Peter DeVries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Division;

Pierre Doucet, Chief, Program Payments and Estimates / Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;

Dennis Kam, Executive Director, Finance and Administration / Corporate Services Branch;

Lynn MacFarlane, Deputy Director, Corporate Management;

Frank Swedlove, General Director, Financial Sector Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:02 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, John McKay, Pierre Paquette, Alex Shepherd, Monte Solberg and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Eleni Bakopanos for Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Dennis Kam, Executive Director, Finance and Administration / Corporate Services Branch; Lynn MacFarlane, Deputy Director, Corporate Management; Frank Swedlove, General Director, Financial Sector Policy Branch; Pierre Doucet, Chief, Program Payments and Estimates / Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Peter DeVries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Division. *Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:* James Ralston, Interim Chief Financial Officer & Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Branch; Stephen O'Connor, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 : Votes 1b, 16b, 25b and 30b, under the Department of Finance and Vote 1b under the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency referred to the Committee on February 19, 2004

Dennis Kam made a statement and, with Lynn Macfarlane, Frank Swedlove, François Delorme, Pierre Doucet and Peter DeVries answered questions.

At 10:53 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:57 a.m., the sitting resumed.

James Ralston made a statement and, with Stephen O'Connor, answered questions.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. It was agreed, — That the Senior Officials from the Department of Finance and from Canada Customs Revenue Agency be invited on Supplementary Estimates (B) on Thursday, February 26, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Canada Customs Revenue Agency.

2. It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with the Bill C-21 and C-421 during the week of March 8, commencing Monday, March 8, 2004.
3. It was agreed, — That the Committee invite Diane Ablonczy on Monday, March 8, 2004.
4. It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with the Main Estimates 2004-2005 during the week of March 22, 2004.
5. It was agreed, — That the Committee, on the Main Estimates 2004-2005, invite first, the Senior Officials from the Department of Finance and Canada Customs Revenue Agency followed by the appearance of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of National Revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY CULLEN Chair.

At 11:18 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/26 3:21 p.m.

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Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Monday, March 8, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-421, An Act respecting the establishment of the Office of the Chief Actuary of Canada and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Diane Ablonczy, CPC, Member from *Calgary—Nose Hill*.

As Individuals:

Bernard Dussault, Former Chief Actuary of Canada;

A. David Pelletier, Former President of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.



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Meeting No. 5

Monday, March 8, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Odina Desrochers, John McKay, Alex Shepherd, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Diane Ablonczy, M.P., Calgary—Nose Hill. *As Individuals:* Bernard Dussault, Former Chief Actuary of Canada; A. David Pelletier, Past President of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 2, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-421, An Act respecting the establishment of the Office of the Chief Actuary of Canada and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof.

Diane Ablonczy, Bernard Dussault and A. David Pelletier made statements and answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/10 9:33 a.m.

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Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Monday, March 8, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff

APPEARING:

Hon. Denis Paradis, Minister of State (Financial Institutions)

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Patrick Halley, Senior Economist, International Trade Policy Division;

Emmy Verdun, Director, International Trade Policy Division.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Andrew Moroz, Director, Trade Control Policy Division.

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Meeting No. 6

Monday, March 8, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 4:34 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Odina Desrochers, Rahim Jaffer, John McKay, Alexander Sherd, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Participating: Hon. Denis Paradis, Minister of State (Financial Institutions).

Guests: *Department of Finance:* Patrick Halley, Senior Economist, International Trade Policy Division. *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Andrew Moroz, Director, Trade Control Policy Division. *Department of International Trade:* Emmy Verdun, Director, International Trade Policy Division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 25, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

Hon. Denis Paradis made a statement and, with Emmy Verdun, answered questions.

At 7:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

16/03/10 9:34 a.m.

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FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff

WITNESSES:

A & R Dress Company Inc.:

Randy Rotchin, President.

Canadian Apparel Federation:

Elliot Lifson, President and Vice-Chair, Peerless Clothing;

Bob Silver, Director and President, Western Glove Works.

COMO Diffusion Inc.:

Paul Ostrov, President and CEO.

The North-South Institute:

Ann Weston, Vice-President and Research Coordinator.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Alex Shepherd and Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Hon. Claude Drouin for Nick Discepola, Shawn Murphy for Gary Pillitteri and Julian Reed for Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Apparel Federation: Elliot Lifson, President and Vice-Chair, Peerless Clothing; Bob Silver, Director and President, Western Glove Works. *A & R Dress Company Inc:* Randy Rotchin, President. *COMO Diffusion Inc.:* Paul Ostrov, President and CEO. *North/South Institute:* Ann Westen, Vice President and Research Coordinator. *Canadian Apparel Federation:* Richard Wagner, Legal Counsel, Ogilvy & Renault, Barristers and Solicitors.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 25, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

Elliot Lifson, Bob Silver, Randy Rotchin, Paul Ostrov and Ann Westen made statements and answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/10 10:57 a.m.

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Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff

Study of Bill C-421, An Act respecting the establishment of the Office of the Chief Actuary of Canada and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Canadian Institute of Actuaries:

David Pelletier, Immediate Past President.

House of Commons:

Diane Ablonczy, CPC, Member from Calgary—Nose Hill.



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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 4:39 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Alex Shepherd, Monte Solberg and Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Hon. Claude Drouin for Nick Discepola, Shawn Murphy for Gary Pillitteri and Julian Reed for Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jean-Michel Roy, Legislative Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Emmy Verdun, Director, International Trade Policy Division. *House of Commons:* Diane Ablonczy, M.P., Calgary—Nose Hill. *Canadian Institute of Actuaries:* David Pelletier, Immediate Past President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 25, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Clause 1 carried.

Clause 2 carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:54 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-421, An Act respecting the establishment of the Office of the Chief Actuary of Canada and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Short Title carried.

The Title carried.

Clauses 2 to 7 inclusive carried severally.

Clause 8 carried on division.

Clauses 9 to 26 inclusive carried severally.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/11 2:26 p.m.

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FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, March 22, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1 and 5 under Canada Customs and Revenue Agency referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004

WITNESSES:

Canada Revenue Agency:

John Kowalski, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Compliance Program Branch;

David Miller, Assistant Commissioner, Assessment and Collections Branch;

Alan Nymark, Commissioner.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, March 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Gary Pillitteri, Alex Shepherd, Robert Thibault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Brian Masse for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Gilles-A. Perron for Pierre Paquette.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance:* Blayne Haggart.

Witnesses: Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: John Kowalski, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Compliance Program Branch; David W. Miller, Assistant Commissioner, Assessment and Collections Branch; Alan Nymark, Commissioner, Canada Customs Revenue Agency; Stephen O'Connor, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1 and 5 under Canada Customs and Revenue Agency referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

Alan Nymark made a statement and, with David Miller and John Kowalski, answered questions.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, — That the Standing Committee on Finance request that the Government Whip remove the Parliamentary Secretary for Finance from membership on this Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

At 4:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/23 10:19 a.m.

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Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 10

nesday, March 24, 2004

Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the
ir, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, John McKay, Alex
pherd and Robert Thibault.

Other Members present: Hon. Bill Blaikie.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the*
ding Committee on Finance: Blayne Haggart.

uant to Standing Order 108(2) , the Committee commenced its study on Duty Remission and the Zero-rating of
ffs on Textile Inputs: the Canadian Apparel Industry

Committee commenced consideration of its draft report.

:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

4/03/25 9:27 a.m.

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on

FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 11

uesday, March 30, 2004

Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Alex Shepherd and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Duty Remission and the Zero-rating of Tariffs Textile Inputs: the Canadian Apparel Industry

The Committee resumed consideration of the draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Fourth Report to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the the Governor of the Bank of Canada be invited to appear on the Monetary Policy on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 3:30 p.m..

It was agreed, — To proceed to the consideration of the Bill C-30 during the week of April 19, if the Bill has been referred to the Committee by the House.

It was agreed, — That, the Committee set aside a meeting on the question of Prior Review of Order in Council appointments during the week of April 19, 2004.

At 4:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

04/04/01 11:41 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, April 1, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 1, 5, L10, 15, 25, 30 and 35 under Finance.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roy Cullen,
Rodger Cuzner,
Nick Discepola,
Rahim Jaffer,
Massimo Pacetti,
Werner Schmidt
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette for Hon. Robert Thibault,
Claude Duplain for Sophia Leung,
John Maloney for Maria Minna,
and Bob Wood for Gary Pillitteri.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Micheline Aucoin, Director, International Policy and Institutions Division;

Peter DeVries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Division;

Pierre Doucet, Chief;

Dennis Kam, Executive Director, Finance and Administration / Corporate Services Branch;

Glenn R. Campbell, Chief;

Louis Lévesque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;

Lynn Hemmings, Policy Analyst;

Lynn MacFarlane, Deputy Director, FINTRAC;

Sylvie Mercier, Chief Financial Services, Canadian International Trade Tribunal;

Alistar Smith, General Director;

Frank Swedlove, Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial Sector Policy Branch;

Christine Walker, Senior Director, Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada, Finance and Informatics Services.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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ting No. 12

rsday, April 1, 2004

Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:33 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Roy en, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Massimo Pacetti, Werner midt and Monte Solberg.

ing Members present: Gilbert Barrette for Hon. Robert Thibault, Claude Duplain for Sophia Leung, John Maloney for ia Minna and Bob Wood for Gary Pillitteri.

tendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal.

esses: Department of Finance: Micheline Aucoin, Director, International Policy and Institutions Division; Peter ries, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Division; Pierre Doucet, Chief; Dennis Kam, utive Director, Finance and Administration / Corporate Services Branch; Glenn R. Campbell, Chief; Louis esque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Lynn Hemmings, Policy yst; Lynn MacFarlane, Deputy Director, FINTRAC; Sylvie Mercier, Chief Financial Services, Canadian national Trade Tribunal; Alistar Smith, General Director; Frank Swedlove, Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial or Policy Branch; Christine Walker, Senior Director, Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada, nce and Informatics Seviles.

uant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 1, 5, 15, 25, 30 and 35 under Finance.

Chair called Vote 1 under Finance.

his Kam, Peter Devries, Lynn MacFarlane, Sylvie Mercier, Pierre Doucet, Glen Campbell, Lynn Hemmings, Alister h, Micheline Aucoin and Christine Walker answered questions.

0:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

/04/01 2:34 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Monday, April 19, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Monday, April 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, John McKay, Maria Minna, Pierre Paquette, Werner Schmidt, Alexander Shepherd and Monte Solberg.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Prior review of Order in Council appointments.

At 11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

20/04/20 11:16 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on equalization

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roy Cullen
Rodger Cuzner
Nick Discepola
Hon. John McKay
Massimo Pacetti
Pierre Paquette
Werner Schmidt

IN ATTENDANCE:

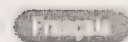
Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:
Louis Lévesque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;
Richard Davis, Special Advisor, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch;
François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch;
Sean Keenan, Chief, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch.

Louis Lévesque made a statement and, with the Sean Keenan, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:36 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Nick Discepola, John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette and Werner Schmidt.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Louis Lévesque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Richard Davis, Special Advisor, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch; François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch; Sean Keenan, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on equalization.

Louis Lévesque made a statement and, with the Sean Keenan, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/20 1:42 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roy Cullen
Nick Discepola
Sophia Leung
John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Pierre Paquette
Werner Schmidt
Alex Shepherd
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Bank of Canada:
David A. Dodge, Governor;
Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

David Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Honourable Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Nick Discepola, Sophia Leung, John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Werner Schmidt, Alex Shepherd, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Guests: Bank of Canada: David A. Dodge, Governor; Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy.

David Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

4/04/29 11:27 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, April 22, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 21, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 23, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nick Discepola,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Pierre Paquette,
Werner Schmidt
and Alex Shepherd.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette for Rodger Cuzner,
Bonnie Brown for Gary Pillitteri,
Brenda Chamberlain for Sophia Leung,
Paul Forseth for Monte Solberg,
Ovid Jackson for Hon. Robert Thibault,
Charlie Penson for Richard Harris,
and Ted White for John Reynolds.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Stephen Laurent, Analyst;
Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;
Peter DeVries, Director, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch;
Louis Lévesque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;
Clare Scullion, General Counsel, Law Branch;
Glenn R. Campbell, Chief, CHST and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations Division, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;
Susan Kalinowski, Senior Officer, Income Security, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;
Sean Keenan, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch.

The hon. John McKay made a statement and, with Sean Keenan, François Delorme, Glen Campbell, Peter Devries and Suzan Kalinowski answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



Français

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, April 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:37 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nick Discepola, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Werner Schmidt and Alex Shepherd.

Acting Members present: Gilbert Barrette for Rodger Cuzner, Bonnie Brown for Gary Pillitteri, Brenda Chamberlain for Sophia Leung, Paul Forseth for Monte Solberg, Ovid Jackson for Hon. Robert Thibault, Charlie Penson for Richard Harris and Ted White for John Reynolds.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Peter DeVries, Director, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Louis Lévesque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Clare Scullion, General Counsel, Law Branch; Glenn R. Campbell, Chief, CHST and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations Division, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Susan Kalinowski, Senior Officer, Income Security, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Sean Keenan, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 21, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 23, 2004.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

The hon. John McKay made a statement and, with Sean Keenan, François Delorme, Glen Campbell, Peter Devries and Suzan Kalinowski answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:01 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/10 3:45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 21, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 23, 2004

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nick Discepola
Rahim Jaffer
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Pierre Paquette
Werner Schmidt
Alex Shepherd
Monte Solberg

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Bagnell for Roy Cullen
Claude Duplain for Hon. Robert Thibault
André Harvey for Sophia Leung
and Tony Tirabassi for Rodger Cuzner

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Sean Keenan, Chief, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial
Relations Division and Social Policy Branch;

Glenn R. Campbell, Chief, CHST and Policy Development,
Federal-Provincial Relations Division, Federal-Provincial
Relations and Social Policy Branch;

Peter DeVries, Director, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office,
Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.

The Hon. John McKay made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Monday, April 27, 2004

Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Vice Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nick Discepola, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo L. Ferretti, Pierre Paquette, Werner Schmidt, Alex Shepherd and Monte Solberg.

Guest Members present: Larry Bagnell for Roy Cullen, Claude Duplain for Hon. Robert Thibault, André Harvey for Hon. Ian Leung and Tony Tirabassi for Rodger Cuzner.

Chairing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Guests: *Department of Finance:* Sean Keenan, Chief, Equalization and Policy Development / Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Glenn R. Campbell, Chief, CHST and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations Division, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Peter DeVries, Director, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 21, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-30, to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 23, 2004.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 7 to 24 inclusive carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 25 to 44 inclusive carried.

By unanimous consent, the following amendments were agreed to:

Bill C-30, in Clause 45, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 5 on page 43 with the following:

des actions que le ministre peut exercer

Bill C-30, in Clause 46, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 17 on page 45 with the following:

des actions que le ministre peut exercer

Bill C-30, in Clause 47, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 14 on page 48 with the following:

des actions que le ministre peut exercer

Bill C-30, in Clause 48, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 43 on page 50 with the following:

des actions que le ministre peut exercer

That Bill C-30, in Clause 49, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 1 on page 54 with the following:

1) l'une des actions que le ministre peut exercer

That Bill C-30, in Clause 50, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 21 on page 56 with the following:

1) l'une des actions que le ministre peut exercer

Clause 45, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 46, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 47, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 48, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 49, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 50, as amended, carried on division.

The Short Title carried on division.

The Title carried on division.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED ON DIVISION, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The Hon. John McKay made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its study on Pre-Budget Consultations 2004.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

37th Parliament, 3rd Session

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance has the honour to present its

SECOND REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, April 22, 2004 to consider matters relating to Pre-Budget Consultations 2004 and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee adopt the following themes (enclosed in the appendix-A)

2. That the Committee will travel two weeks in October 2004:

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Victoria:

On Monday, October 18, 2004

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ursday, October 28, 2004

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at the Committee will hold two Town-Hall meetings for half a day in each of the two following cities:

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ursday, October 21, 2004

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onday, October 25, 2004

at the three following budgets be adopted:

travel: 184 134. 00\$

travel: 143 534. 00\$

tional Budget (including the cost of the two Town-Hall meetings): 107 500. 00\$

Total: 435 168.00\$

5. That the Committee examine the question of the Small Business Tax Measures has indicated in the Budget Plan 2004 (Page 156) tabled in the House by the Minister of Finance on Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

ROY CULLEN,

Chair

It was agreed, — That the Second Report be adopted..

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/29 11:31 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, April 29, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of Small Business Tax Measures

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nick Discepola
Richard Harris
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Pierre Paquette
Werner Schmidt

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Claude Duplain for Hon. Robert Thibault

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

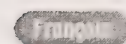
WITNESSES:

"Coopérative fédérée de Québec":
Pierre Gauvreau, Chief Executive Officer;
Claude Lafleur, Secretary General;
Paul Noiseux, Treasurer;
Denis Richard, President.

"Conseil canadien de la coopération":
Réjean Laflamme, Director of Development.

Denis Richard, Claude Lafleur, Pierre Gauvreau and Réjean Laflamme made statements and, with Paul Noiseux, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, April 29, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:18 a.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Nick Discepola, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette and Werner Schmidt.

Acting Members present: Claude Duplain for Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst.

Witnesses: Coopérative fédérée de Québec: Pierre Gauvreau, Chief Executive Officer; Claude Lafleur, Secretary General; Paul Noiseux, Treasurer; Denis Richard, President. *Conseil canadien de la coopération:* Réjean Laflamme, Director of Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of Small Business Tax Measures.

Denis Richard, Claude Lafleur, Pierre Gauvreau and Réjean Laflamme made statements and, with Paul Noiseux, answered questions.

At 11:19 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/29 11:51 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of Small Business Tax Measures.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roy Cullen,
Rodger Cuzner,
Nick Discepola,
Richard Harris,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Pierre Paquette,
Gary Pillitteri,
Werner Schmidt
and Alex Shepherd.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Small Brewers:

John Hay, Director;
Howard Thompson, Co-Chair of the Excise Tax Committee,
President and CEO of Creemore Springs Brewery Ltd.;
Laura Urtnowski, Co-Chair of the Excise Tax Committee,
President, Les brasseurs du Nord.

Brick Brewing Company:

Jim Brickman.

Ferme Brasserie Schoune:

Patrice Schoune.

Great Western Brewing:

Ron Waldman, President.

Propeller Brewing Company:

John Allen.

Canadian Vintners Association:

William C. Ross, President.

Howard Thompson, Laura Urtnowski and William Ross made statements and, with John Hay, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



Français

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Nick Discepola, Richard Harris, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Werner Schmidt and Alex Shepherd.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Small Brewers: John Hay, Director; Howard Thompson, Co-Chair of the Excise Tax Committee, President and CEO of Creemore Springs Brewery Ltd.; Laura Urtnowski, Co-Chair of the Excise Tax Committee, President, Les brasseurs du Nord. *Brick Brewing Company:* Jim Brickman. *Ferme Brasserie Schoune:* Patrice Schoune. *Great Western Brewing:* Ron Waldman, President. *Propeller Brewing Company:* John Allen. *Canadian Vintners Association:* William C. Ross, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of Small Business Tax Measures.

Howard Thompson, Laura Urtnowski and William Ross made statements and, with John Hay, answered questions.

At 4:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/17 9:47 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of Small Business Tax Measures

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roy Cullen
Rodger Cuzner
Hon. John McKay
Werner Schmidt
Alex Shepherd

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Blayne Haggart, Analyst;
Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Jewellers Association:
Mo Charania, Vice-President;
Neil Foster, Vice-President;
Steve Parker, Past President;
Carmen Rivet, Vice President;
Catherine Sproule, Executive Director;
Satya Poddar, Past President.

Carmen Rivet, Mo Charania, Neil Foster, Steve Parker and Staya Poddar made statements and answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ting No. 20

nesday, May 5, 2004

Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Roy en, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rodger Cuzner, Hon. John McKay, Werner Schmidt and Alex Shepherd.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Guests: Canadian Jewellers Association: Mo Charania, Vice-President; Neil Foster, Vice-President; Steve Parker, Past President; Carmen Rivet, Vice President; Catherine Sproule, Executive Director; Satya Poddar, Past President.

uant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee nenced its study of Small Business Tax Measures.

en Rivet, Mo Charania, Neil Foster, Steve Parker and Staya Poddar made statements and answered questions.

36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

/05/26 8:36 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen.

Meeting No. 21

Monday, May 10, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of Small Business Tax Measures.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roy Cullen,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Gary Pillitteri,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance:
Blayne Haggart.
Library of Parliament:
Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Gilbert Ménard, Senior Chief, Business Income Tax Division;
Brian Willis, Senior Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Brian Willis and Gilbert Ménard made statements and answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Monday, May 10, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, John McKay, Maria Minna, Gary Pillitteri, Monte Solberg and Judy Pasylcyia-Leis.

Attendance: *Library of Parliament:* June Dewetering, Principal. *Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance:* Blayne Haggart. *Library of Parliament:* Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Department of Finance:* Gilbert Ménard, Senior Chief, Business Income Tax Division; Brian Willis, Senior Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of Small Business Tax Measures.

Brian Willis and Gilbert Ménard made statements and answered questions.

At 4:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:17 p.m., the sitting resumed in-camera.

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/11 9:36 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

FINANCE

Chair: Roy Cullen, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 4:03 p.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Chair, Roy Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Cullen, Rahim Jaffer, Sophia Leung, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Pierre Paquette, Gary Pillitteri, Werner Schmidt, Alex Shepherd and Monte Solberg.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Blayne Haggart, Analyst; Stephen Laurent, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Small Business Tax Measures.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting or supplementary opinion from Pierre Paquette / Michel Québécois provided that it is submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday May 12, 2004.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/19 3:03 p.m.

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